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AS THE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS DIABOLICALLY EVIL IMAGINATION, SINESTRO--THE RENEGADE GREEN LANTERN--LURED HIS ARCH-ANTAGONIST GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH TO A PLANET WHERE THE EMERALD GLADIATOR COULD ONLY PERISH SLOWLY WITHOUT A SINGLE CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL!
OR SO IT SEEMED AS THE ODDS AGAINST GREEN LANTERN BUILT UP TERRIFYINGLY MINUTE BY MINUTE!
I'M BEING HUNTED LIKE AN ANIMAL! AND I CAN'T EVEN USE MY POWER RING TO DEFEND MYSELF--BECAUSE IT DOESN'T WORK AT ALL ON THIS YELLOW WORLD!
PERIL OF THE YELLOW WORLD!
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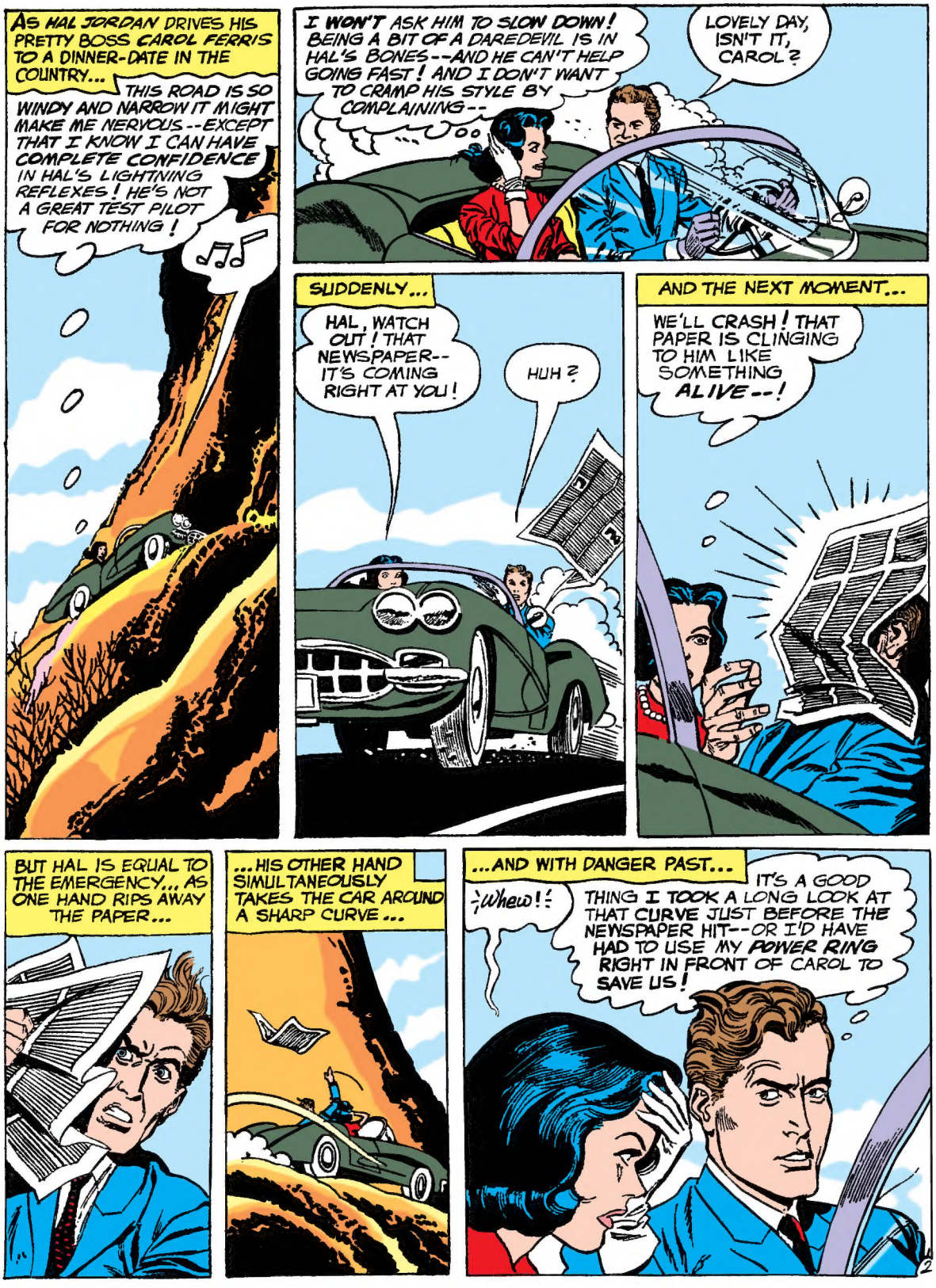
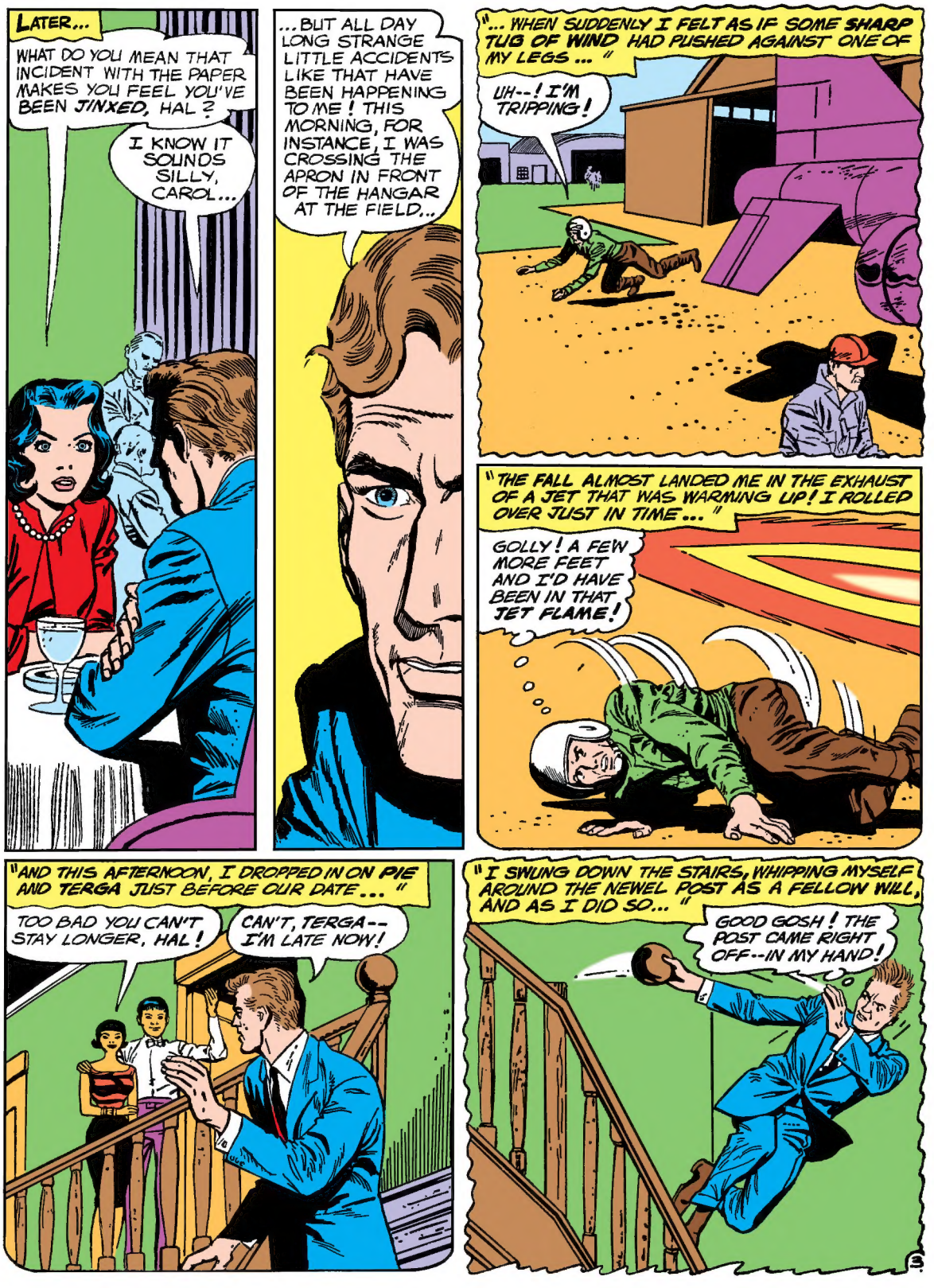

AS HAL JORDAN DRIVES HIS PRETTY BOSS CAROL FERRIS TO A DINNER-DATE IN THE COUNTRY...
THIS ROAD IS SO WINDY AND NARROW IT MIGHT MAKE ME NERVOUS--EXCEPT THAT I KNOW I CAN HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HAL'S LIGHTNING REFLEXES! HE'S NOT A GREAT TEST PILOT FOR NOTHING!
I WON'T ASK HIM TO SLOW DOWN! BEING A BIT OF A DAREDEVIL IS IN HAL'S BONES--AND HE CAN'T HELP GOING FAST! AND I DON'T WANT TO CRAMP HIS STYLE BY COMPLAINING--
LOVELY DAY, ISN'T IT, CAROL?
SUDDENLY...
HAL, WATCH OUT! THAT NEWSPAPER--IT'S COMING RIGHT AT YOU!
HUH?
AND THE NEXT MOMENT...
WE'LL CRASH! THAT PAPER IS CLINGING TO HIM LIKE SOMETHING ALIVE--!
BUT HAL IS EQUAL TO THE EMERGENCY... AS ONE HAND RIPS AWAY THE PAPER...
...HIS OTHER HAND SIMULTANEOUSLY TAKES THE CAR AROUND A SHARP CURVE...
...AND WITH DANGER PAST...
Whew!!
IT'S A GOOD THING I TOOK A LONG LOOK AT THAT CURVE JUST BEFORE THE NEWSPAPER HIT--OR I'D HAVE HAD TO USE MY POWER RING RIGHT IN FRONT OF CAROL TO SAVE US!


LATER...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT INCIDENT WITH THE PAPER MAKES YOU FEEL YOU'VE BEEN JINXED, HAL?
I KNOW IT SOUNDS SILLY, CAROL...
...BUT ALL DAY LONG STRANGE LITTLE ACCIDENTS LIKE THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING TO ME! THIS MORNING, FOR INSTANCE, I WAS CROSSING THE APRON IN FRONT OF THE HANGAR AT THE FIELD...
"...WHEN SUDDENLY I FELT AS IF SOME SHARP TUG OF WIND HAD PUSHED AGAINST ONE OF MY LEGS..."
UH--! I'M TRIPPING!
"THE FALL ALMOST LANDED ME IN THE EXHAUST OF A JET THAT WAS WARMING UP! I ROLLED OVER JUST IN TIME..."
GOLLY! A FEW MORE FEET AND I'D HAVE BEEN IN THAT JET FLAME!
"AND THIS AFTERNOON, I DROPPED IN ON PIE AND TERGA JUST BEFORE OUR DATE..."
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T STAY LONGER, HAL!
CAN'T, TERGA--I'M LATE NOW!
"I SWUNG DOWN THE STAIRS, WHIPPING MYSELF AROUND THE NEWEL POST AS A FELLOW WILL, AND AS I DID SO..."
GOOD GOSH! THE POST CAME RIGHT OFF--IN MY HAND!
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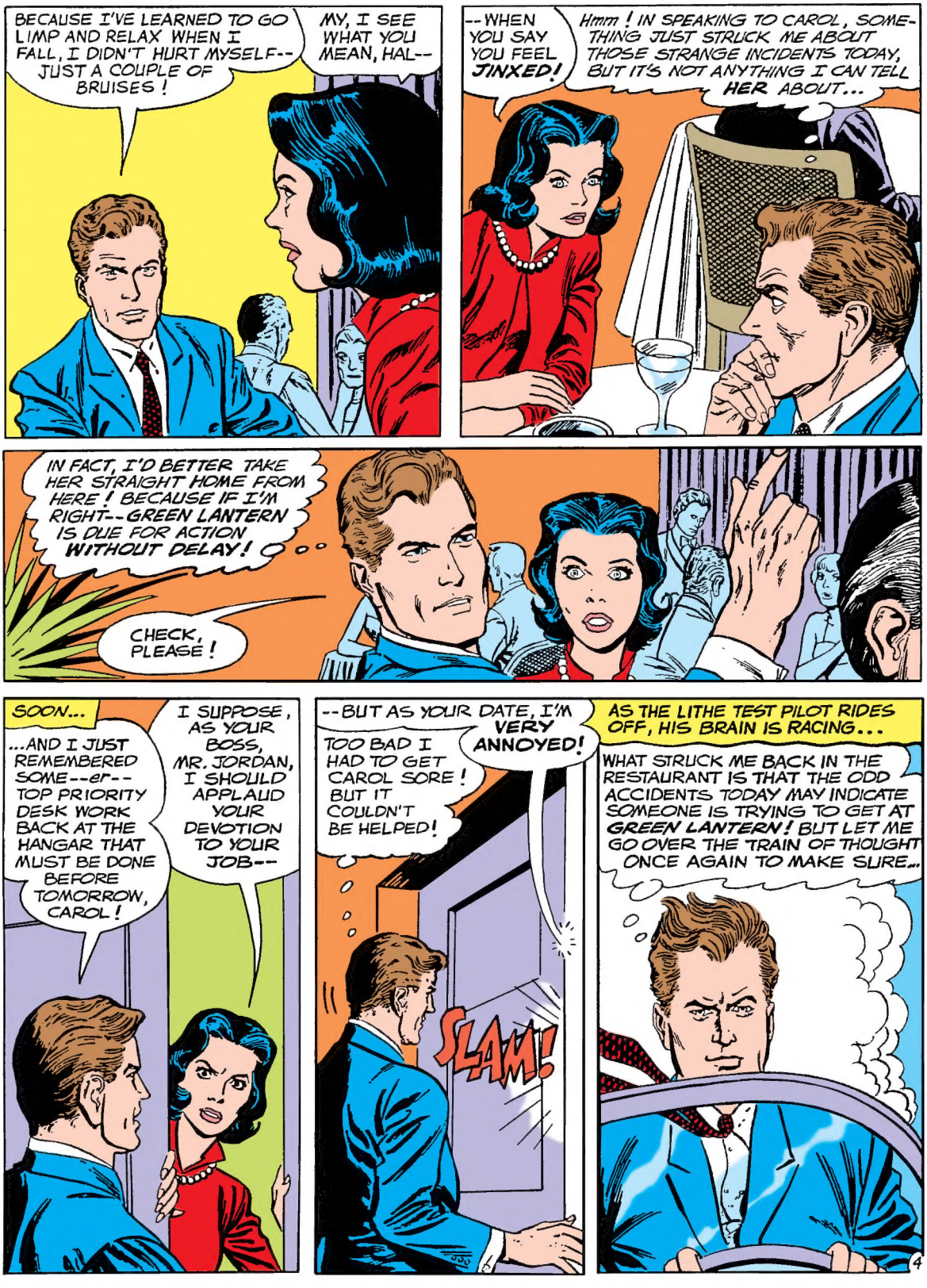
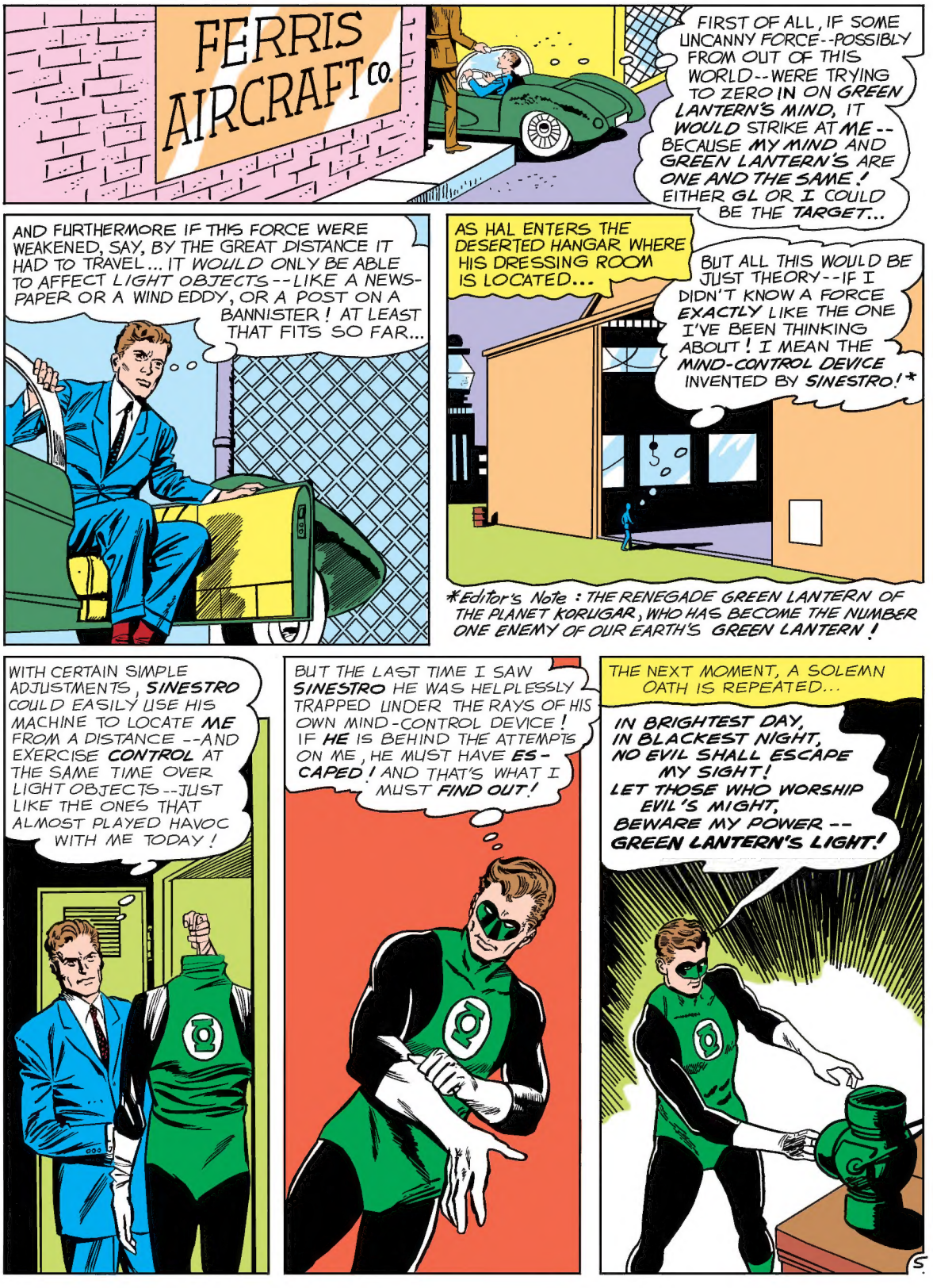
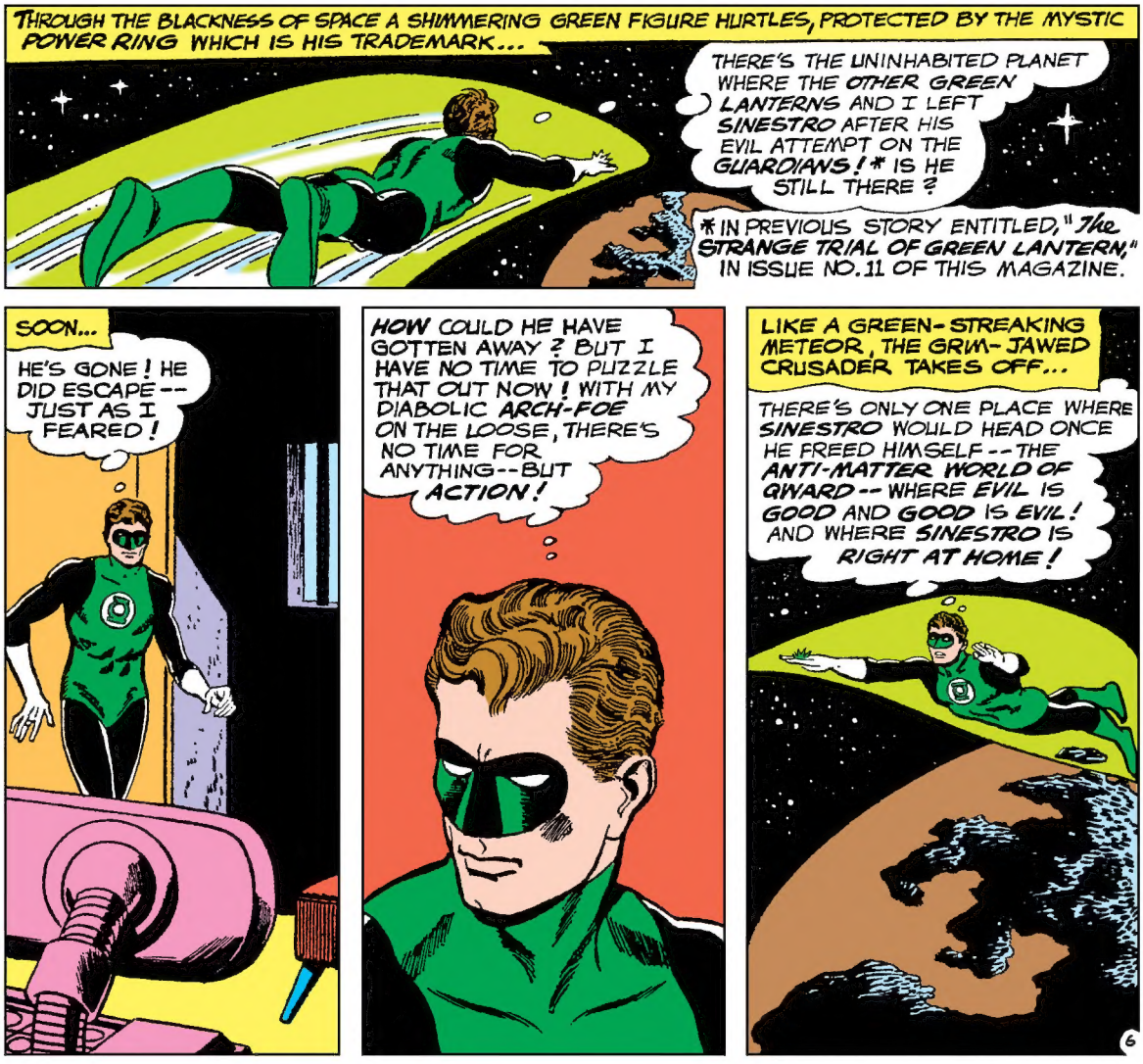

BECAUSE I'VE LEARNED TO GO LIMP AND RELAX WHEN I FALL, I DIDN'T HURT MYSELF-- JUST A COUPLE OF BRUISES!
MY, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, HAL--
--WHEN YOU SAY YOU FEEL JINXED!
Hmm! IN SPEAKING TO CAROL, SOMETHING JUST STRUCK ME ABOUT THOSE STRANGE INCIDENTS TODAY, BUT IT'S NOT ANYTHING I CAN TELL HER ABOUT...
IN FACT, I'D BETTER TAKE HER STRAIGHT HOME FROM HERE! BECAUSE IF I'M RIGHT--GREEN LANTERN IS DUE FOR ACTION WITHOUT DELAY!
CHECK, PLEASE!
SOON...
...AND I JUST REMEMBERED SOME--er-- TOP PRIORITY DESK WORK BACK AT THE HANGAR THAT MUST BE DONE BEFORE TOMORROW, CAROL!
I SUPPOSE, AS YOUR BOSS, MR. JORDAN, I SHOULD APPLAUD YOUR DEVOTION TO YOUR JOB--
--BUT AS YOUR DATE, I'M VERY ANNOYED!
TOO BAD I HAD TO GET CAROL SORE! BUT IT COULDN'T BE HELPED!
SLAM!
AS THE LITHE TEST PILOT RIDES OFF, HIS BRAIN IS RACING...
WHAT STRUCK ME BACK IN THE RESTAURANT IS THAT THE ODD ACCIDENTS TODAY MAY INDICATE SOMEONE IS TRYING TO GET AT GREEN LANTERN! BUT LET ME GO OVER THE TRAIN OF THOUGHT ONCE AGAIN TO MAKE SURE...


FERRIS AIRCRAFT CO.
FIRST OF ALL, IF SOME UNCANNY FORCE--POSSIBLY FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD--WERE TRYING TO ZERO IN ON GREEN LANTERN'S MIND, IT WOULD STRIKE AT ME--BECAUSE MY MIND AND GREEN LANTERN'S ARE ONE AND THE SAME! EITHER GL OR I COULD BE THE TARGET...
AND FURTHERMORE IF THIS FORCE WERE WEAKENED, SAY, BY THE GREAT DISTANCE IT HAD TO TRAVEL... IT WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO AFFECT LIGHT OBJECTS--LIKE A NEWSPAPER OR A WIND EDDY, OR A POST ON A BANNISTER! AT LEAST THAT FITS SO FAR...
AS HAL ENTERS THE DESERTED HANGAR WHERE HIS DRESSING ROOM IS LOCATED...
BUT ALL THIS WOULD BE JUST THEORY--IF I DIDN'T KNOW A FORCE EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT! I MEAN THE MIND-CONTROL DEVICE INVENTED BY SINESTRO!*
*Editor's Note: THE RENEGADE GREEN LANTERN OF THE PLANET KORUGAR, WHO HAS BECOME THE NUMBER ONE ENEMY OF OUR EARTH'S GREEN LANTERN!
WITH CERTAIN SIMPLE ADJUSTMENTS, SINESTRO COULD EASILY USE HIS MACHINE TO LOCATE ME FROM A DISTANCE--AND EXERCISE CONTROL AT THE SAME TIME OVER LIGHT OBJECTS--JUST LIKE THE ONES THAT ALMOST PLAYED HAVOC WITH ME TODAY!
BUT THE LAST TIME I SAW SINESTRO HE WAS HELPLESSLY TRAPPED UNDER THE RAYS OF HIS OWN MIND-CONTROL DEVICE! IF HE IS BEHIND THE ATTEMPTS ON ME, HE MUST HAVE ESCAPED! AND THAT'S WHAT I MUST FIND OUT!
THE NEXT MOMENT, A SOLEMN OATH IS REPEATED...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER--GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!


THROUGH THE BLACKNESS OF SPACE A SHIMMERING GREEN FIGURE HURTLES, PROTECTED BY THE MYSTIC POWER RING WHICH IS HIS TRADEMARK...
THERE'S THE UNINHABITED PLANET WHERE THE OTHER GREEN LANTERNS AND I LEFT SINESTRO AFTER HIS EVIL ATTEMPT ON THE GUARDIANS! * IS HE STILL THERE ?
* IN PREVIOUS STORY ENTITLED, "The STRANGE TRIAL OF GREEN LANTERN," IN ISSUE NO. 11 OF THIS MAGAZINE.
SOON...
HE'S GONE! HE DID ESCAPE -- JUST AS I FEARED!
HOW COULD HE HAVE GOTTEN AWAY ? BUT I HAVE NO TIME TO PUZZLE THAT OUT NOW! WITH MY DIABOLIC ARCH-FOE ON THE LOOSE, THERE'S NO TIME FOR ANYTHING--BUT ACTION!
LIKE A GREEN-STREAKING METEOR, THE GRIM-JAWED CRUSADER TAKES OFF...
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE WHERE SINESTRO WOULD HEAD ONCE HE FREED HIMSELF -- THE ANTI-MATTER WORLD OF QWARD -- WHERE EVIL IS GOOD AND GOOD IS EVIL! AND WHERE SINESTRO IS RIGHT AT HOME!
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PERIL OF THE YELLOW WORLD! PART 2

MEANWHILE, SOME HOURS EARLIER, IN THE *QWARDIAN UNIVERSE* WHERE ALL VALUES ARE *UPSIDE-DOWN* AND WHERE THE *ANNUAL POPULARITY CONTEST* TO DETERMINE THE MOST *EVIL CITIZEN OF QWARD* IS IN PROGRESS ...!

UNLESS *SINESTRO* CAN PULL SOME REALLY *WICKED* COUP-- TO ADD POINTS TO HIS SCORE-- HE HASN'T A CHANCE OF WINNING! HIS 25 POINT EFFORT TO ELIMINATE *GREEN LANTERN* OF EARTH HAS FAILED!

CANDIDATE	PRESENT SCORE
GYPO-BAX	88
SINESTRO	75
GNY-GRYNGG	52
BORBRYDI	50
KARO-THYNN	44

LISTEN, *SIN!* AS YOUR CAMPAIGN MANAGER I'M WARNING YOU! YOU NEED A LAST-MINUTE SURGE OF POPULARITY TO WIN THIS CONTEST! BUT YOU CAN DO IT!

I MUST WIN! *SINESTRO* CAN NEVER BE SATISFIED WITH SECOND PLACE IN *ANYTHING!*

YOU'VE GOT TO DREAM UP SOMETHING AWFUL-- SOMETHING THAT MAKES THE *SKIN CREEP*--THAT MAKES THE EYES POP--GET WHAT I'M DRIVING AT? THAT'S WHAT BRINGS IN THE *VOTES!* AND INFLUENCES THE *JURY!*

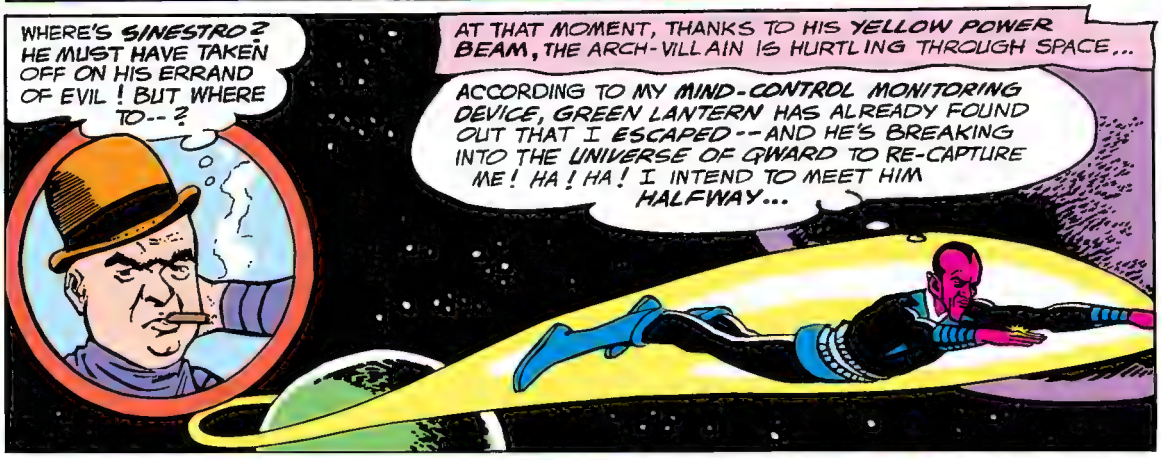
SHHHH! YOU'RE INTERFERING WITH MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT, *MAGOT!*

AS A THIN SMILE BREAKS OUT ON THE FACE OF THE EMIR OF EVIL...

I THINK I'VE GOT IT--THE *ONE SURE WAY* TO TRIUMPH OVER MY ENEMY *GREEN LANTERN*--AND AT THE SAME TIME WIN THIS POPULARITY CONTEST HERE IN *QWARD!*

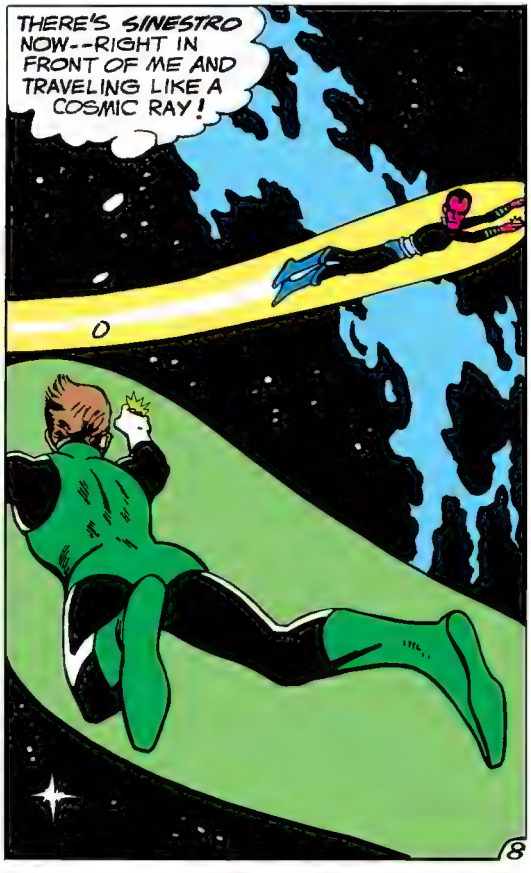
WHAT WAY? YOU GOTTA HURRY, *SIN!* LOOK-!

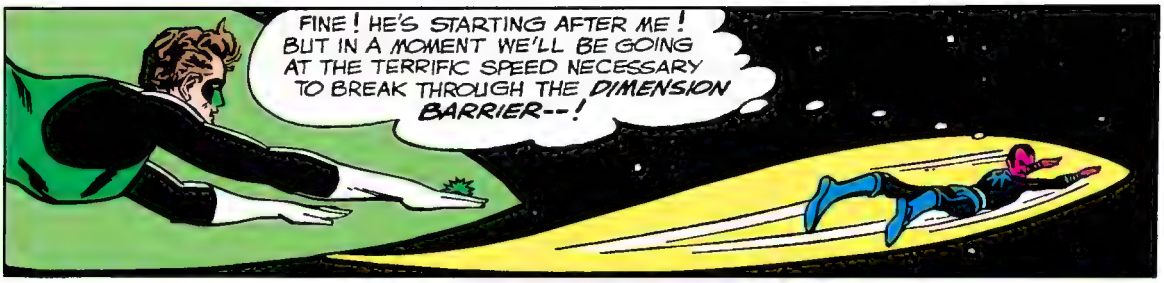
GYPO-BAX IS UP TO 88! IF HE GETS TO 100 FIRST, HE WINS! YOU--eh?


WHERE'S SINESTRO? HE MUST HAVE TAKEN OFF ON HIS ERRAND OF EVIL! BUT WHERE TO--?
AT THAT MOMENT, THANKS TO HIS YELLOW POWER BEAM, THE ARCH-VILLAIN IS HURTLING THROUGH SPACE...
ACCORDING TO MY MIND-CONTROL MONITORING DEVICE, GREEN LANTERN HAS ALREADY FOUND OUT THAT I ESCAPED--AND HE'S BREAKING INTO THE UNIVERSE OF QWARD TO RE-CAPTURE ME! HA! HA! I INTEND TO MEET HIM HALFWAY...

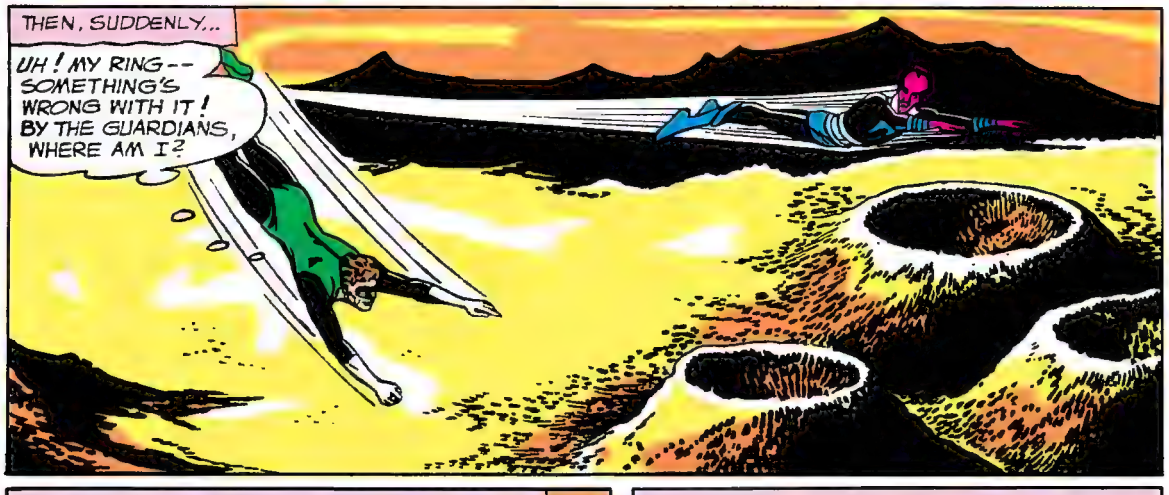
...AT A PLANET KNOWN AS GRYX IN THE EIGHTH DIMENSION OF OUR UNIVERSE! SOME TIME AGO I CAME ACROSS THAT FASCINATING WORLD AND I FILED IT AWAY IN MY EVIL BRAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE! IN FACT, FOR AN OCCASION JUST LIKE THIS!

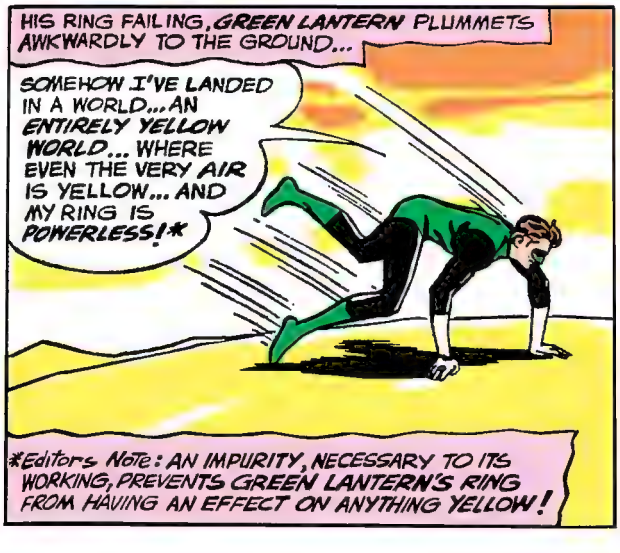
AND SOON AFTER...
I'LL BE IN QWARD CITY IN ANOTHER MOMENT OR TWO! AND THEN--GREAT GALAXIES!?


THERE'S SINESTRO NOW--RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME AND TRAVELING LIKE A COSMIC RAY!

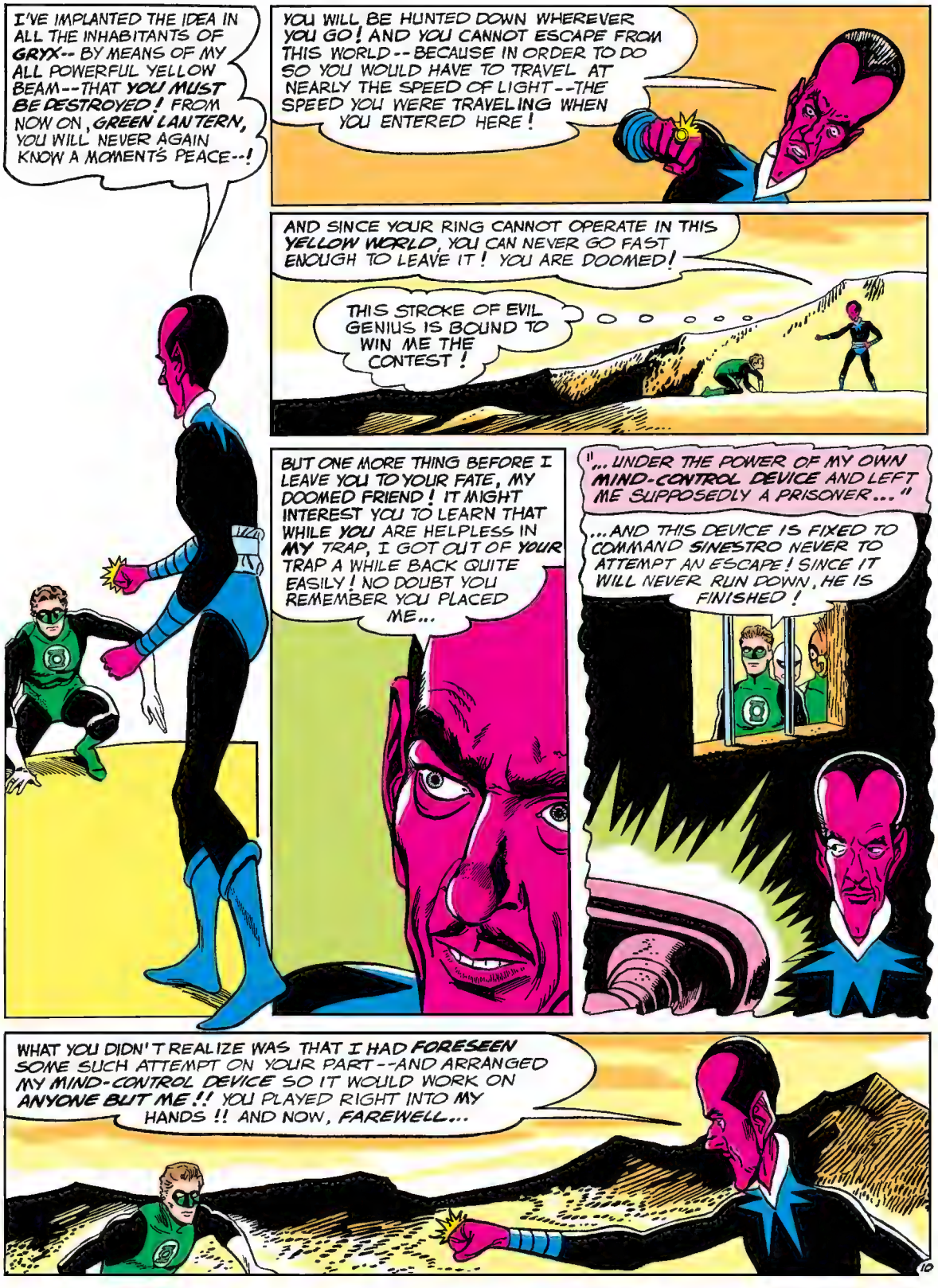

FINE! HE'S STARTING AFTER ME! BUT IN A MOMENT WE'LL BE GOING AT THE TERRIFIC SPEED NECESSARY TO BREAK THROUGH THE DIMENSION BARRIER--!

SPLIT-SECONDS LATER...
HERE HE COMES! IN ANOTHER MOMENT THE TABLES WILL BE TURNED BETWEEN THE SO-CALLED EMERALD GLADIATOR AND ME! I AM ABOUT TO BECOME THE HUNTER--AND GREEN LANTERN THE HUNTED!
ALMOST UPON HIM!


THEN, SUDDENLY...
UH! MY RING--SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH IT! BY THE GUARDIANS, WHERE AM I?


HIS RING FAILING, GREEN LANTERN PLUMMETS AWKWARDLY TO THE GROUND...
SOMEHOW I'VE LANDED IN A WORLD... AN ENTIRELY YELLOW WORLD... WHERE EVEN THE VERY AIR IS YELLOW... AND MY RING IS POWERLESS!*
*Editors Note: AN IMPURITY, NECESSARY TO ITS WORKING, PREVENTS GREEN LANTERN'S RING FROM HAVING AN EFFECT ON ANYTHING YELLOW!

AND AS THE HEMMED-IN CRUSADER LOOKS ABOUT HIM, ONE FIGURE ALONE DOMINATES THE SCENE...
I COULD ELIMINATE YOU COMPLETELY NOW THAT YOU'RE UTTERLY HELPLESS, GREEN LANTERN! BUT IT WOULD BE TOO EASY... AND WOULDN'T WIN ME THE QWARD POPULARITY CONTEST BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T BE EVIL ENOUGH! SO I WORKED OUT SOMETHING BETTER..!


I'VE IMPLANTED THE IDEA IN ALL THE INHABITANTS OF GRYX-- BY MEANS OF MY ALL POWERFUL YELLOW BEAM--THAT YOU MUST BE DESTROYED! FROM NOW ON, GREEN LANTERN, YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN KNOW A MOMENT'S PEACE--!
YOU WILL BE HUNTED DOWN WHEREVER YOU GO! AND YOU CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THIS WORLD--BECAUSE IN ORDER TO DO SO YOU WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL AT NEARLY THE SPEED OF LIGHT--THE SPEED YOU WERE TRAVELING WHEN YOU ENTERED HERE!
AND SINCE YOUR RING CANNOT OPERATE IN THIS YELLOW WORLD, YOU CAN NEVER GO FAST ENOUGH TO LEAVE IT! YOU ARE DOOMED!
THIS STROKE OF EVIL GENIUS IS BOUND TO WIN ME THE CONTEST!
BUT ONE MORE THING BEFORE I LEAVE YOU TO YOUR FATE, MY DOOMED FRIEND! IT MIGHT INTEREST YOU TO LEARN THAT WHILE YOU ARE HELPLESS IN MY TRAP, I GOT OUT OF YOUR TRAP A WHILE BACK QUITE EASILY! NO DOUBT YOU REMEMBER YOU PLACED ME...
"... UNDER THE POWER OF MY OWN MIND-CONTROL DEVICE AND LEFT ME SUPPOSEDLY A PRISONER..."
...AND THIS DEVICE IS FIXED TO COMMAND SINESTRO NEVER TO ATTEMPT AN ESCAPE! SINCE IT WILL NEVER RUN DOWN, HE IS FINISHED!
WHAT YOU DIDN'T REALIZE WAS THAT I HAD FORESEEN SOME SUCH ATTEMPT ON YOUR PART--AND ARRANGED MY MIND-CONTROL DEVICE SO IT WOULD WORK ON ANYONE BUT ME!! YOU PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS!! AND NOW, FAREWELL...
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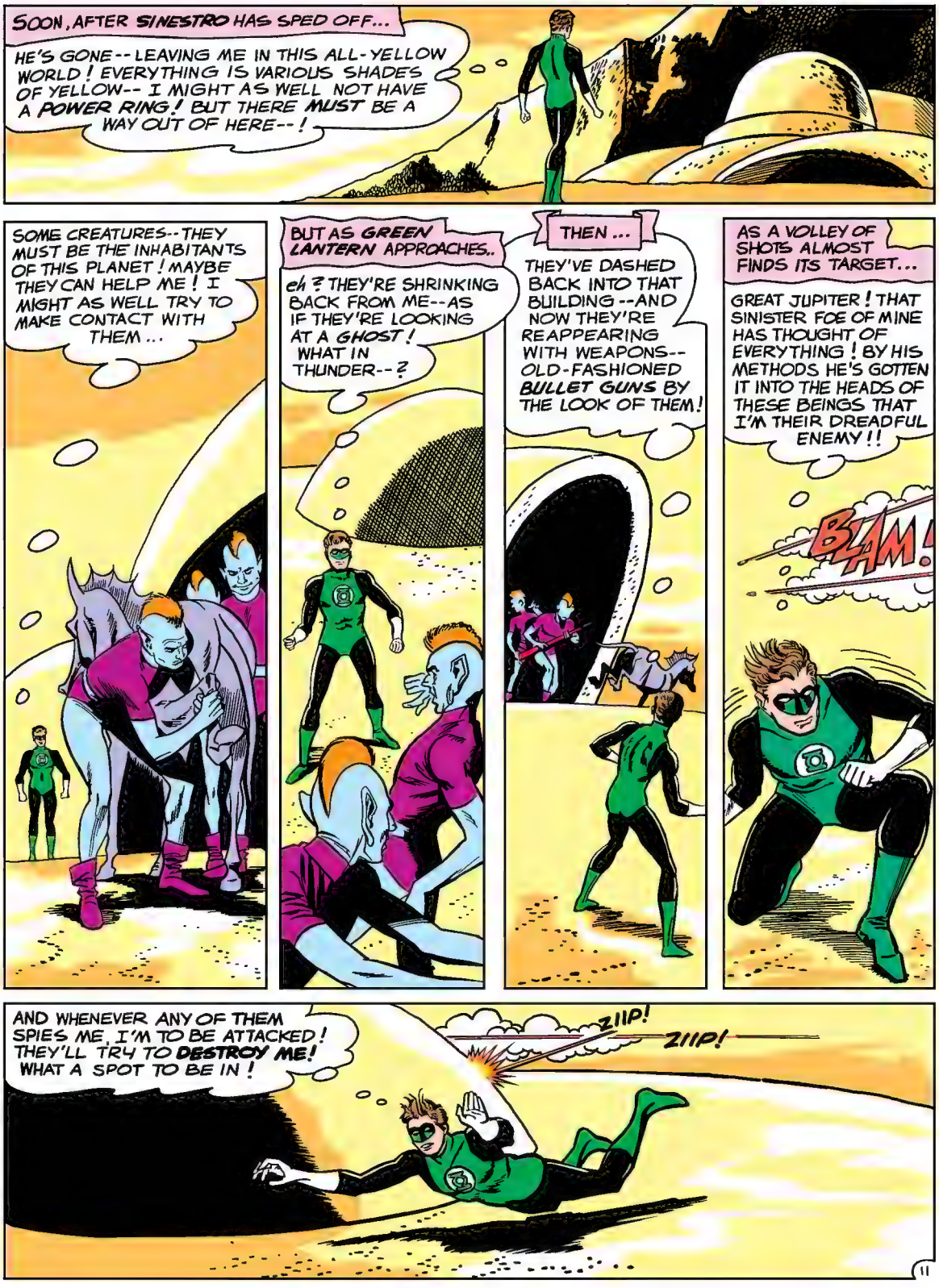
SOON, AFTER SINESTRO HAS SPED OFF...
HE'S GONE--LEAVING ME IN THIS ALL-YELLOW WORLD! EVERYTHING IS VARIOUS SHADES OF YELLOW-- I MIGHT AS WELL NOT HAVE A POWER RING! BUT THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT OF HERE--!
SOME CREATURES--THEY MUST BE THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLANET! MAYBE THEY CAN HELP ME! I MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM...
BUT AS GREEN LANTERN APPROACHES..
eh? THEY'RE SHRINKING BACK FROM ME--AS IF THEY'RE LOOKING AT A GHOST! WHAT IN THUNDER--?
THEN...
THEY'VE DASHED BACK INTO THAT BUILDING--AND NOW THEY'RE REAPPEARING WITH WEAPONS--OLD-FASHIONED BULLET GUNS BY THE LOOK OF THEM!
AS A VOLLEY OF SHOTS ALMOST FINDS ITS TARGET...
GREAT JUPITER! THAT SINISTER FOE OF MINE HAS THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! BY HIS METHODS HE'S GOTTEN IT INTO THE HEADS OF THESE BEINGS THAT I'M THEIR DREADFUL ENEMY!!
BLAM!
AND WHENEVER ANY OF THEM SPIES ME, I'M TO BE ATTACKED! THEY'LL TRY TO DESTROY ME! WHAT A SPOT TO BE IN!
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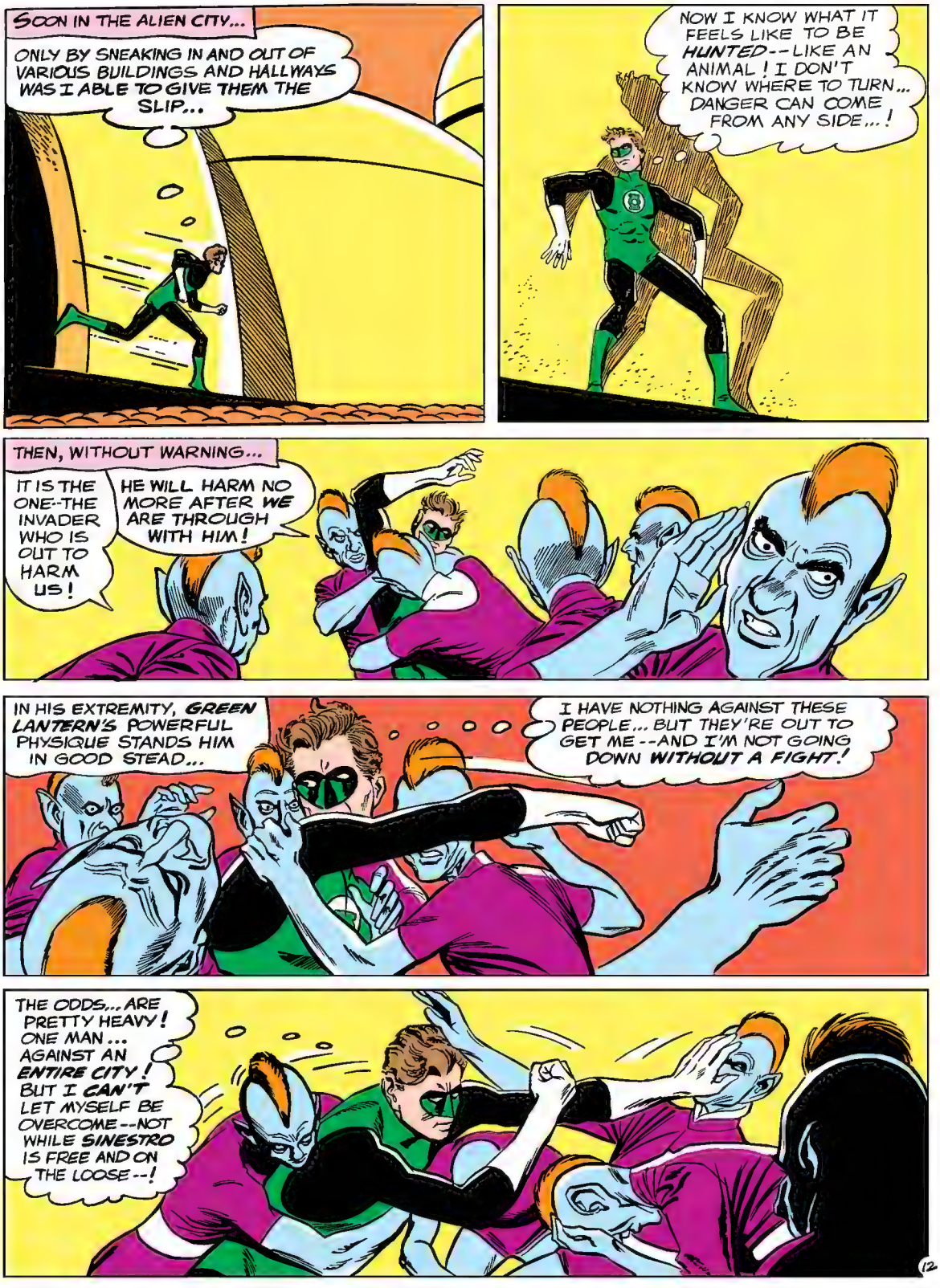
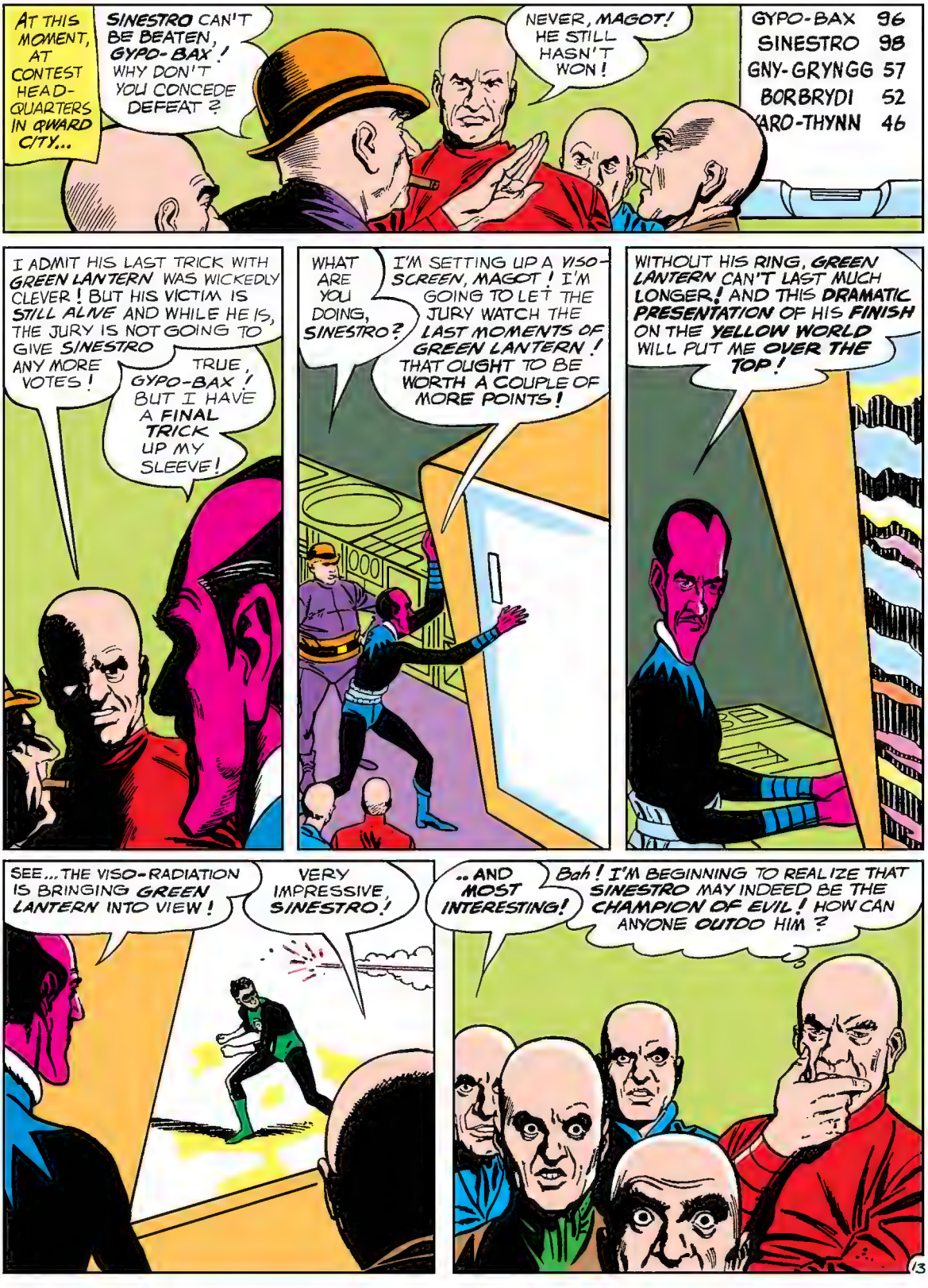

SOON IN THE ALIEN CITY...
ONLY BY SNEAKING IN AND OUT OF VARIOUS BUILDINGS AND HALLWAYS WAS I ABLE TO GIVE THEM THE SLIP...
NOW I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE HUNTED--LIKE AN ANIMAL! I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN... DANGER CAN COME FROM ANY SIDE...!
THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...
IT IS THE ONE--THE INVADER WHO IS OUT TO HARM US!
HE WILL HARM NO MORE AFTER WE ARE THROUGH WITH HIM!
IN HIS EXTREMITY, GREEN LANTERN'S POWERFUL PHYSIQUE STANDS HIM IN GOOD STEAD...
I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THESE PEOPLE... BUT THEY'RE OUT TO GET ME--AND I'M NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT!
THE ODDS... ARE PRETTY HEAVY! ONE MAN... AGAINST AN ENTIRE CITY! BUT I CAN'T LET MYSELF BE OVERCOME--NOT WHILE SINESTRO IS FREE AND ON THE LOOSE--!


AT THIS MOMENT, AT CONTEST HEAD-QUARTERS IN QWARD CITY...
SINESTRO CAN'T BE BEATEN, GYPO-BAX! WHY DON'T YOU CONCEDE DEFEAT?
NEVER, MAGOT! HE STILL HASN'T WON!
GYPO-BAX 96
SINESTRO 98
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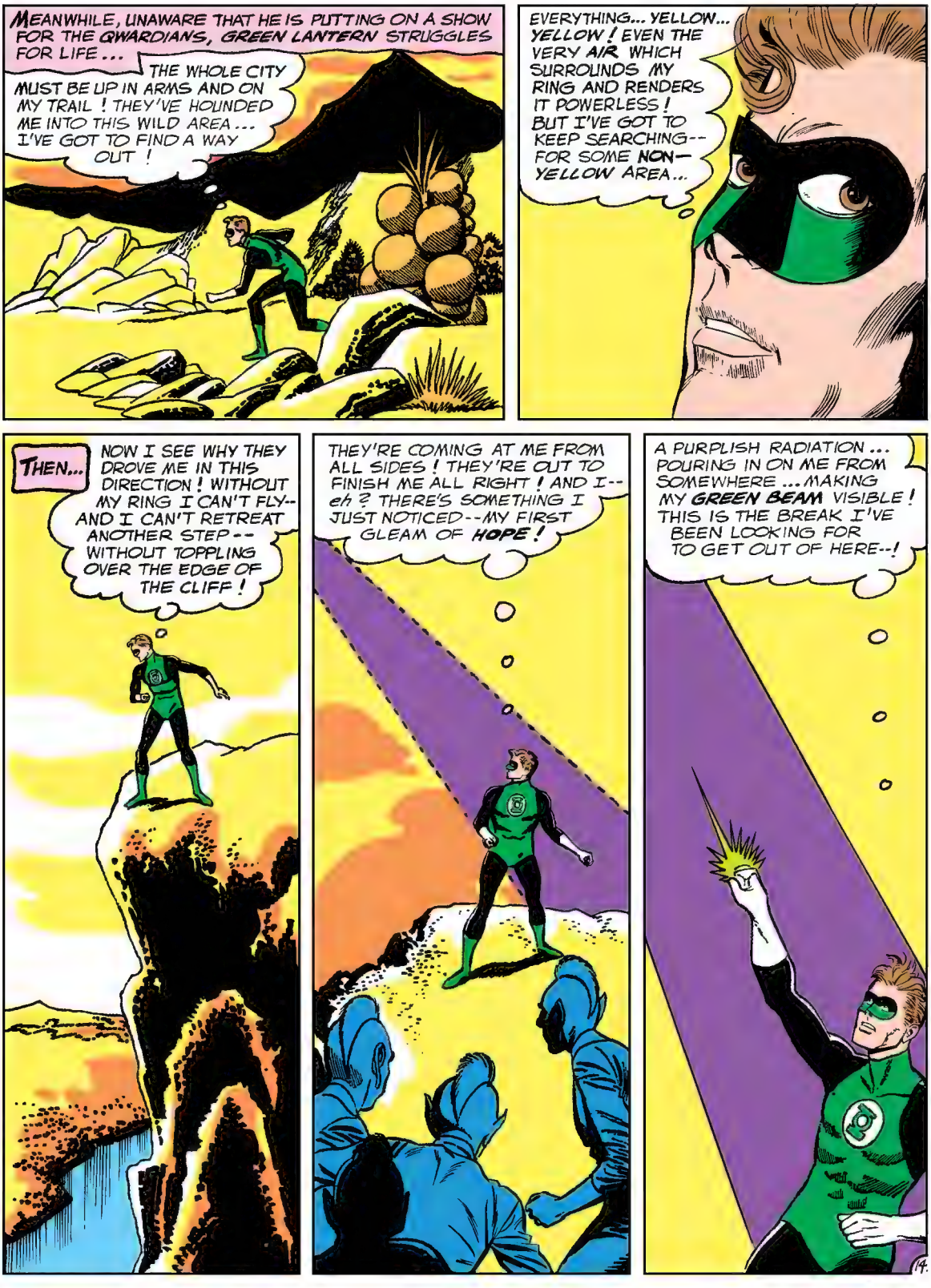
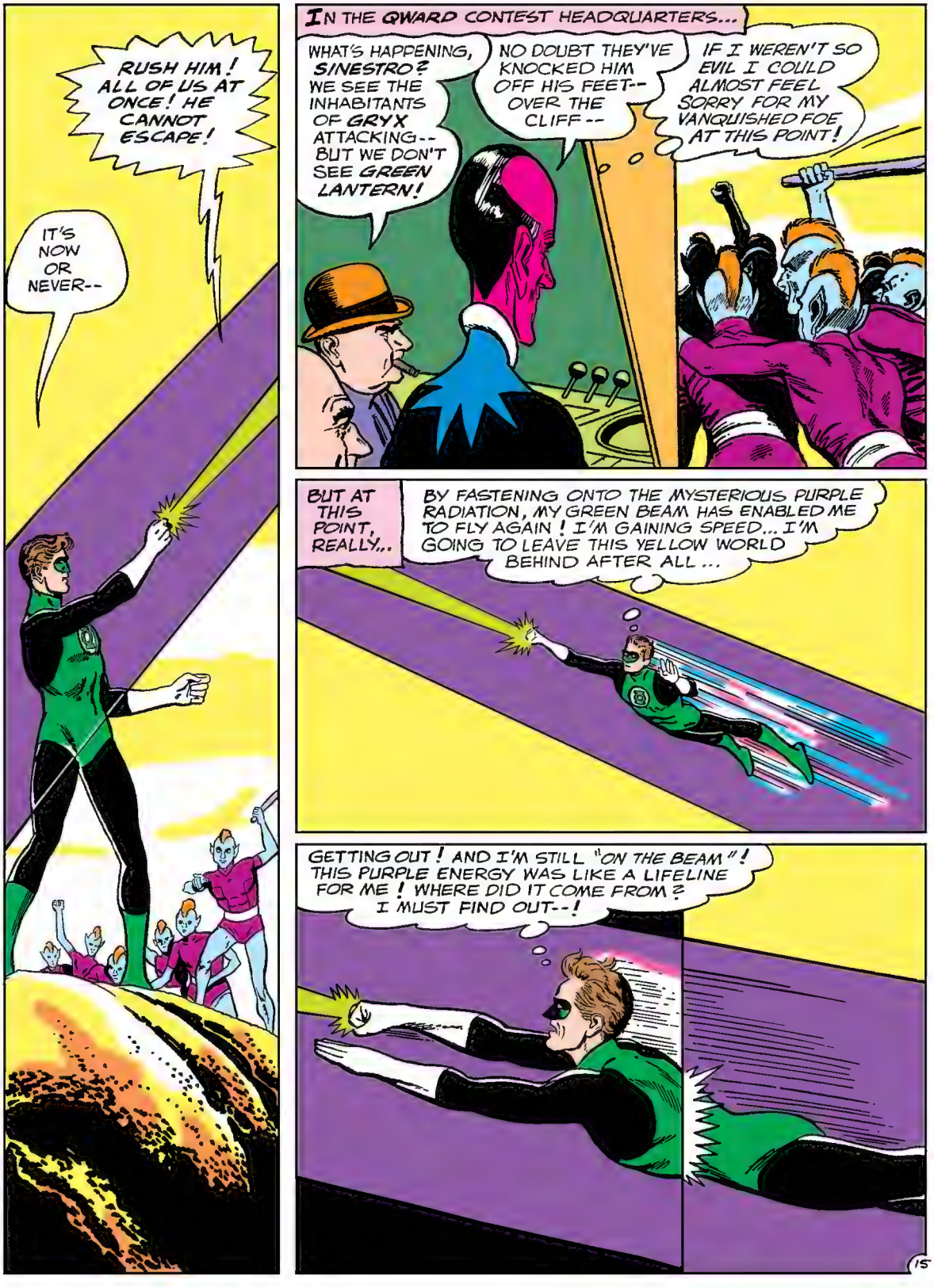
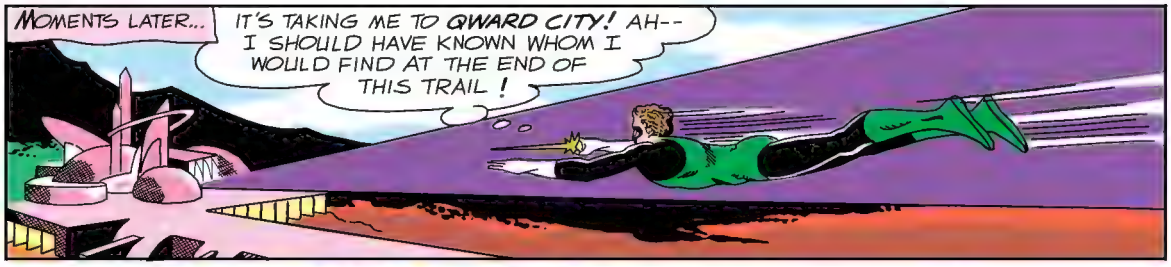
I ADMIT HIS LAST TRICK WITH GREEN LANTERN WAS WICKEDLY CLEVER! BUT HIS VICTIM IS STILL ALIVE AND WHILE HE IS, THE JURY IS NOT GOING TO GIVE SINESTRO ANY MORE VOTES!
TRUE, GYPO-BAX! BUT I HAVE A FINAL TRICK UP MY SLEEVE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SINESTRO?
I'M SETTING UP A VISO-SCREEN, MAGOT! I'M GOING TO LET THE JURY WATCH THE LAST MOMENTS OF GREEN LANTERN! THAT OUGHT TO BE WORTH A COUPLE OF MORE POINTS!
WITHOUT HIS RING, GREEN LANTERN CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER! AND THIS DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF HIS FINISH ON THE YELLOW WORLD WILL PUT ME OVER THE TOP!
SEE... THE VISO-RADIATION IS BRINGING GREEN LANTERN INTO VIEW!
VERY IMPRESSIVE, SINESTRO!
.. AND MOST INTERESTING!
Bah! I'M BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT SINESTRO MAY INDEED BE THE CHAMPION OF EVIL! HOW CAN ANYONE OUTDO HIM?

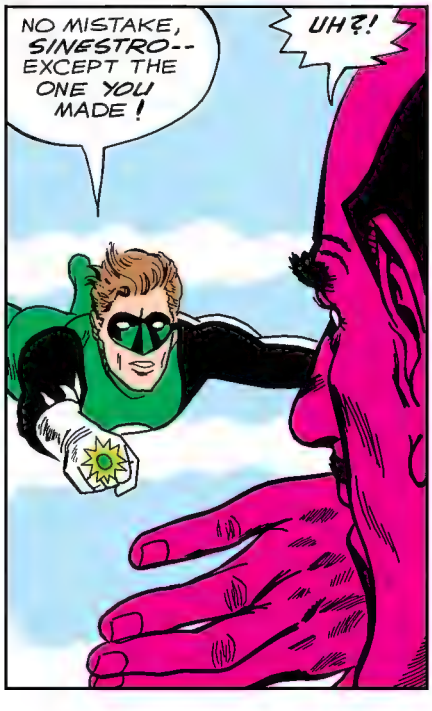

MEANWHILE, UNAWARE THAT HE IS PUTTING ON A SHOW FOR THE QWARDIANS, GREEN LANTERN STRUGGLES FOR LIFE...
THE WHOLE CITY MUST BE UP IN ARMS AND ON MY TRAIL! THEY'VE HOUNDED ME INTO THIS WILD AREA... I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT!
EVERYTHING... YELLOW... YELLOW! EVEN THE VERY AIR WHICH SURROUNDS MY RING AND RENDERS IT POWERLESS! BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP SEARCHING-- FOR SOME NON— YELLOW AREA...
THEN...
NOW I SEE WHY THEY DROVE ME IN THIS DIRECTION! WITHOUT MY RING I CAN'T FLY-- AND I CAN'T RETREAT ANOTHER STEP-- WITHOUT TOPPLING OVER THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF!
THEY'RE COMING AT ME FROM ALL SIDES! THEY'RE OUT TO FINISH ME ALL RIGHT! AND I-- eh? THERE'S SOMETHING I JUST NOTICED--MY FIRST GLEAM OF HOPE!
A PURPLISH RADIATION... POURING IN ON ME FROM SOMEWHERE... MAKING MY GREEN BEAM VISIBLE! THIS IS THE BREAK I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR TO GET OUT OF HERE--!

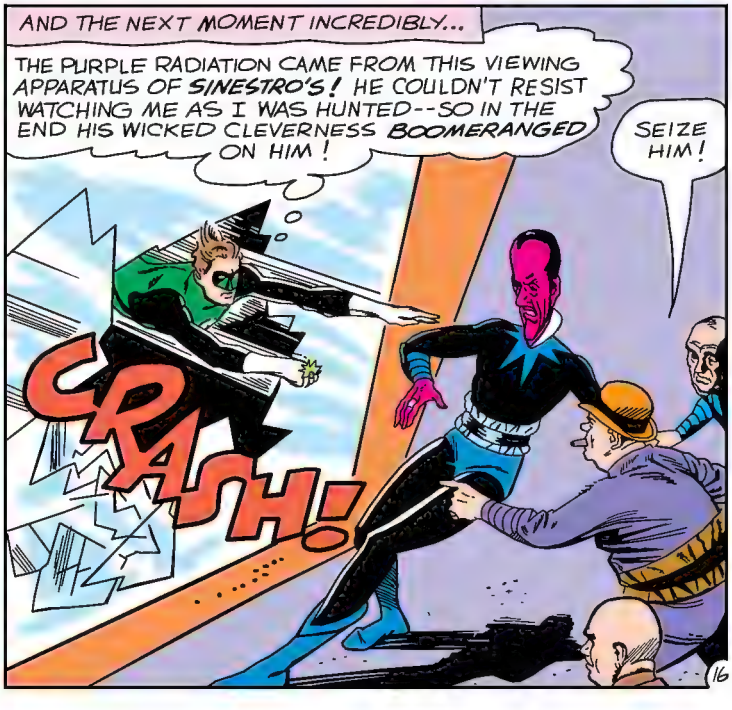

RUSH HIM! ALL OF US AT ONCE! HE CANNOT ESCAPE!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER--
IN THE QWARD CONTEST HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING, SINESTRO? WE SEE THE INHABITANTS OF GRYX ATTACKING-- BUT WE DON'T SEE GREEN LANTERN!
NO DOUBT THEY'VE KNOCKED HIM OFF HIS FEET-- OVER THE CLIFF --
IF I WEREN'T SO EVIL I COULD ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR MY VANQUISHED FOE AT THIS POINT!
BUT AT THIS POINT, REALLY...
BY FASTENING ONTO THE MYSTERIOUS PURPLE RADIATION, MY GREEN BEAM HAS ENABLED ME TO FLY AGAIN! I'M GAINING SPEED... I'M GOING TO LEAVE THIS YELLOW WORLD BEHIND AFTER ALL...
GETTING OUT! AND I'M STILL "ON THE BEAM"! THIS PURPLE ENERGY WAS LIKE A LIFELINE FOR ME! WHERE DID IT COME FROM? I MUST FIND OUT--!

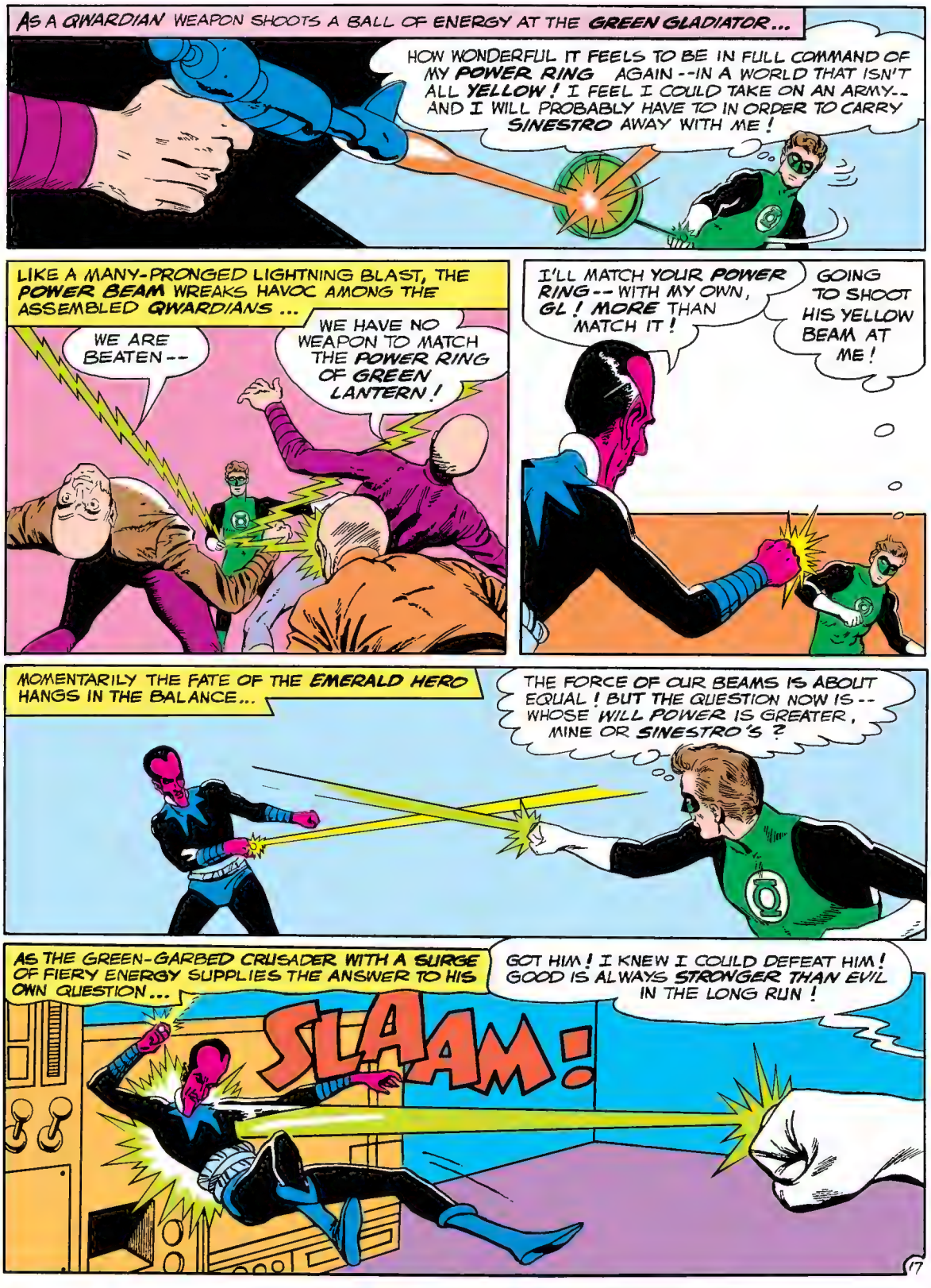

MOMENTS LATER...
IT'S TAKING ME TO QWARD CITY! AH-- I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WHOM I WOULD FIND AT THE END OF THIS TRAIL!

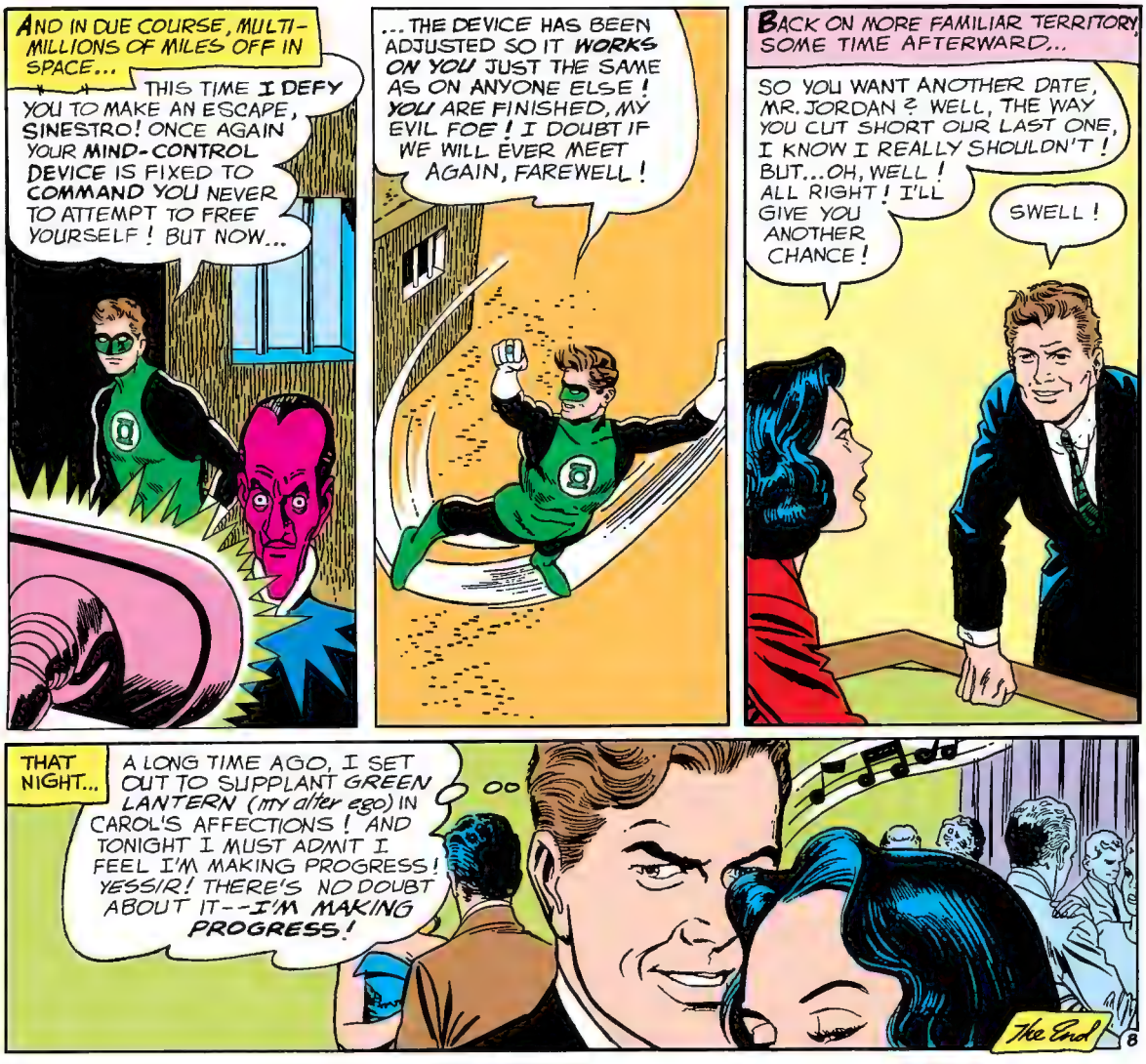
MEANWHILE...
AND I DEMAND THAT MY CANDIDATE SINESTRO BE DECLARED THE WINNER--BECAUSE HE DESTROYED THE INVINCIBLE GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH!
WAIT! LOOK--

IT'S GREEN LANTERN AGAIN--!
IMPOSSIBLE! THERE-- MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!


NO MISTAKE, SINESTRO-- EXCEPT THE ONE YOU MADE!
UH?!


AND THE NEXT MOMENT INCREDIBLY...
THE PURPLE RADIATION CAME FROM THIS VIEWING APPARATUS OF SINESTRO'S! HE COULDN'T RESIST WATCHING ME AS I WAS HUNTED--SO IN THE END HIS WICKED CLEVERNESS BOOMERANGED ON HIM!
SEIZE HIM!
CRASH!


AS A QWARDIAN WEAPON SHOOTS A BALL OF ENERGY AT THE GREEN GLADIATOR...
HOW WONDERFUL IT FEELS TO BE IN FULL COMMAND OF MY POWER RING AGAIN --IN A WORLD THAT ISN'T ALL YELLOW! I FEEL I COULD TAKE ON AN ARMY-- AND I WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO IN ORDER TO CARRY SINESTRO AWAY WITH ME!
LIKE A MANY-PRONGED LIGHTNING BLAST, THE POWER BEAM WREAKS HAVOC AMONG THE ASSEMBLED QWARDIANS ...
WE ARE BEATEN --
WE HAVE NO WEAPON TO MATCH THE POWER RING OF GREEN LANTERN!
I'LL MATCH YOUR POWER RING -- WITH MY OWN, GL! MORE THAN MATCH IT!
GOING TO SHOOT HIS YELLOW BEAM AT ME!
MOMENTARILY THE FATE OF THE EMERALD HERO HANGS IN THE BALANCE...
THE FORCE OF OUR BEAMS IS ABOUT EQUAL! BUT THE QUESTION NOW IS -- WHOSE WILL POWER IS GREATER, MINE OR SINESTRO'S?
AS THE GREEN-GARBED CRUSADER WITH A SURGE OF FIERY ENERGY SUPPLIES THE ANSWER TO HIS OWN QUESTION...
SLAAM!
GOT HIM! I KNEW I COULD DEFEAT HIM! GOOD IS ALWAYS STRONGER THAN EVIL IN THE LONG RUN!


AND IN DUE COURSE, MULTI-MILLIONS OF MILES OFF IN SPACE...
THIS TIME I DEFY YOU TO MAKE AN ESCAPE, SINESTRO! ONCE AGAIN YOUR MIND-CONTROL DEVICE IS FIXED TO COMMAND YOU NEVER TO ATTEMPT TO FREE YOURSELF! BUT NOW...
...THE DEVICE HAS BEEN ADJUSTED SO IT WORKS ON YOU JUST THE SAME AS ON ANYONE ELSE! YOU ARE FINISHED, MY EVIL FOE! I DOUBT IF WE WILL EVER MEET AGAIN, FAREWELL!
BACK ON MORE FAMILIAR TERRITORY, SOME TIME AFTERWARD...
SO YOU WANT ANOTHER DATE, MR. JORDAN? WELL, THE WAY YOU CUT SHORT OUR LAST ONE, I KNOW I REALLY SHOULDN'T! BUT...OH, WELL! ALL RIGHT! I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE!
SWELL!
THAT NIGHT...
A LONG TIME AGO, I SET OUT TO SUPPLANT GREEN LANTERN (my alter ego) IN CAROL'S AFFECTIONS! AND TONIGHT I MUST ADMIT I FEEL I'M MAKING PROGRESS! YESSIR! THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--I'M MAKING PROGRESS!
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The End
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GREEN LANTERN

AT EXCITING **CAPE CANAVERAL** IN FLORIDA--WHERE CRACK TEST PILOT HAL JORDAN (ALIAS **GREEN LANTERN**) HAD GONE TO DELIVER AN IMPORTANT MISSILE PART, THE **ROCKET GANG** WAS USING ROCKET LAUNCHINGS TO COVER UP THEIR DARING THEFTS OF SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES! IT WAS A DEVICE THAT NETTED THEM A SIZABLE FORTUNE--UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE **EMERALD GLADIATOR** IN THEIR MIDST!

ZERO HOUR IN ROCKET CITY!

PLUG HIM, SPRINGY! DON'T BE AFRAID--**GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING** ISN'T WORKING!

AS **PIEFACE** BURSTS INTO HIS ROOM ONE DAY...

I MUSTN'T FORGET A SINGLE DETAIL OF THE ADVENTURE **GREEN LANTERN** JUST TOLD ME ABOUT! I'LL WRITE IT ALL DOWN NOW WITHOUT DELAY...

THUS BEGINS ANOTHER EXCITING ENTRY IN THE **CASEBOOK OF GREEN LANTERN**

...and that day Hal was given a special mission... to fly a certain missile part to Cape Canaveral across the country! It was a hush-hush job for an important government project...

"AT THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT HANGAR, HAL DONNED HIS FLYING TOGS..."

WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CALLS, ALL MEN ANSWER! BUT IT OCCURS TO ME THAT I'D BETTER CHARGE MY POWER RING BEFORE I LEAVE! THIS TRIP...TO FLORIDA... WILL TAKE A GOOD PART OF A DAY AT LEAST...

IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!

--Hmm?

IT'S TWO O'CLOCK? I THOUGHT IT WAS LATER--ABOUT THREE! BUT EVEN SO I CAN'T DAWDLE! THEY'RE WAITING FOR THAT MISSILE PART AT THE CAPE...!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: BEING CHARGED AT THE MYSTIC POWER BATTERY GIVES THE AMAZING RING POWER FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

"ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM WEST TO EAST, A SUPER SWIFT JET PLANE SPED LIKE A WHIPLASH..."

THERE'S THE RUNWAY I'M SUPPOSED TO SET DOWN ON! IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO GET HERE!

"AND SOON..."

MAYBE WE CAN GET THAT "BIRD" OFF. NOW THAT YOU'VE BROUGHT US THIS PART, MR. JORDAN! WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OUR PET?

I SURE WOULD, DR. DEATON! AS A TEST PILOT MYSELF...

...I'VE NATURALLY BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN THE TEST "SHOTS" GOING ON HERE IN CAPE CANAVERAL!

FINE! COME ALONG! YOUR PLANE WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF!

...IT WOULD BE A SHAME NOT TO SEE SOME OF THE UNIQUE SIGHTS CLOSE BY! SHALL I BE YOUR GUIDE?
LEAD THE WAY, DR. DEATON!
"SOME MILES FROM THE LAUNCHING SITE... A DIFFERENT KIND OF COMMUNITY..."
WHEW! WHAT IS THIS PLACE, DOC?
IT'S ROCKET CITY, HAL! EVERYTHING HERE IS BASED ON OUR SHOTS AT CAPE CANAVERAL! THE WHOLE TOWN PRACTICALLY COMES TO A STANDSTILL EVERY TIME ONE OF OUR "BIRDS" GOES OFF! IN FACT, IN ONE WAY THAT'S GOTTEN TO BE QUITE A PROBLEM!
LAUNCH PAD MOTEL
HOTEL
SATELLITE INN
ROCKET
CAFE
SO THAT'S YOUR NEW ROCKET? IT LOOKS TERRIFIC!
UNFORTUNATELY I'VE JUST LEARNED WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER DELAY OF A FEW HOURS BEFORE FIRING, MR. JORDAN! BUT WHILE YOU'RE HERE...
WILL ROCKET ROBBERS STRIKE AGAIN?--"ROCKET ROBBERS"?!
EVEN CRIME KEEPS UP WITH SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS, HAL! THIS GANG TIMES ITS FORAYS TO COINCIDE WITH OUR ROCKET LAUNCHINGS! AND WHILE EVERYONE HERE HAS HIS EYES GLUED TO THE SKY, THE ROBBERS BREAK IN AND STEAL!
CAPE NEWS
WILL ROCKET ROBBERS STRIKE AGAIN?
"LATER..."
... AND THREATENING WEATHER HAS CAUSED THE LAUNCHING TO BE PUT OFF TILL MORNING, HAL...
I'VE DECIDED TO STAY AND WAIT FOR IT, DOC!
BUT I CAN'T TELL HIM THE REAL REASON WHY...!
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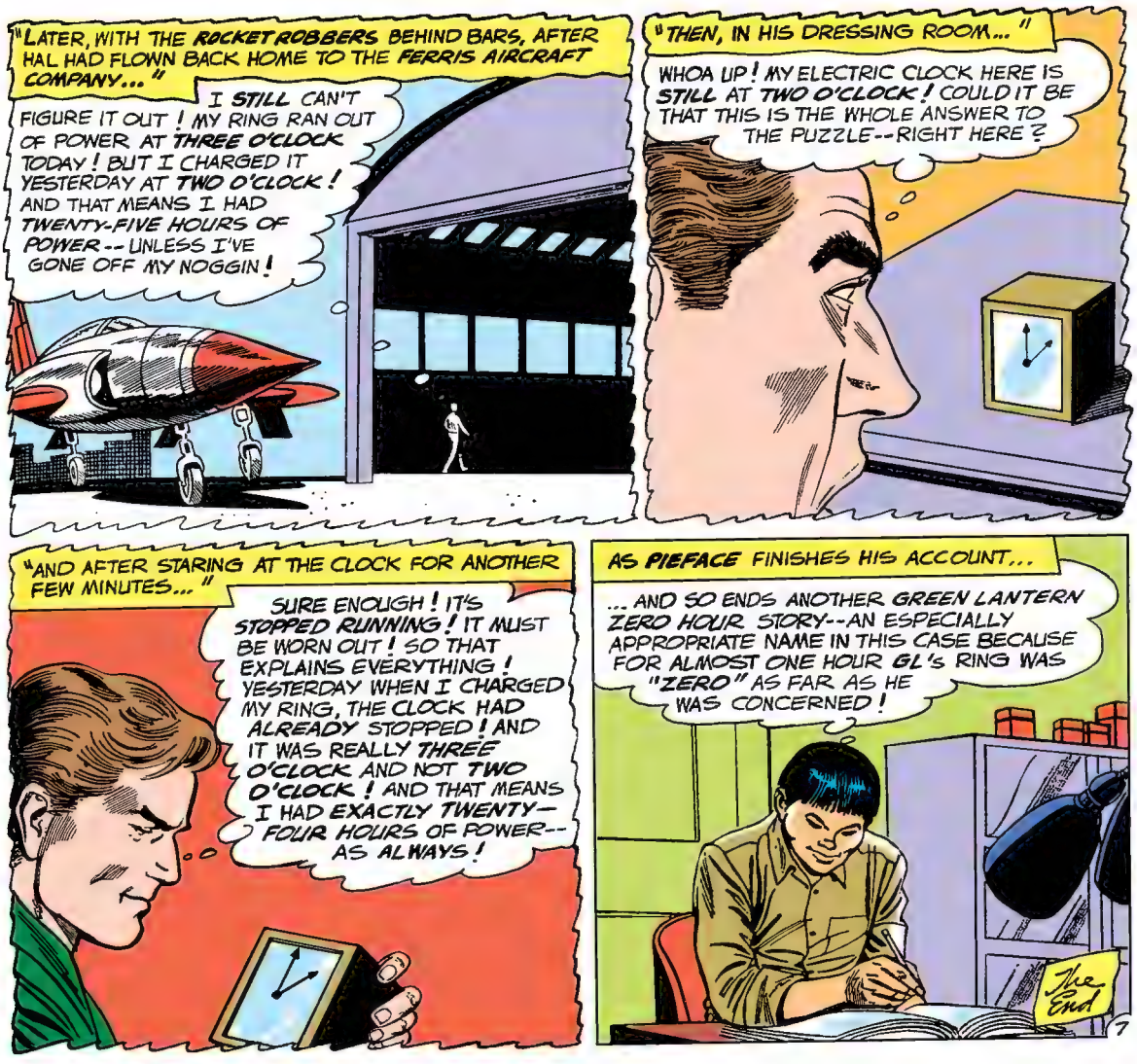
"NEXT DAY, AFTER THE WEATHER FORCED ANOTHER DELAY..."
ALMOST TWO O'CLOCK! WELL, THAT SETTLES IT! I MIGHT AS WELL HEAD ON BACK HOME! I WAS OUT TO CORRAL THE ROCKET ROBBERS BUT MY POWER RING IS JUST ABOUT OUT OF CHARGE...!
"AS A MEMORY RAN THROUGH HAL'S MIND..."
I SET MY WRISTWATCH BY THE CLOCK BACK IN MY DRESSING ROOM! THAT WAY, DESPITE TIME CHANGES, I COULD ALWAYS KNOW HOW MUCH CHARGE I HAD LEFT IN MY RING! AND THAT'S HOW I KNOW THAT I'VE RUN OUT OF TIME!
ATLAS
MOTEL
OFFI
THERE'S NO POINT TO MY WAITING NOW FOR THE MISSILE TO BE SHOT OFF! WITHOUT MY POWER RING I WOULDN'T BE MUCH USE AGAINST THOSE ROCKET ROBBERS ANYWAY! I'LL CHECK OUT...
"AT THAT MOMENT..."
...AND THE COUNTDOWN FOR THE NEW MISSILE HAS GONE ALONG WITHOUT A HITCH!...FIVE SECONDS LEFT TO BLAST-TIME! FOUR...THREE...
"AND IN A CAR..."
FOUR...THREE...TWO..
...FOUR...THREE...TWO... WE'VE GOT TO TIME THIS EXACTLY, BOYS!
"THEN..."
...TWO... ONE... ZERO!
THERE IT GOES!
AND HERE WE GO! RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!
ATLAS

"AS ALL EYES FOR MILES AROUND-- INCLUDING HAL'S -- FASTEN ON ONE OBJECT..."
BOY! THAT IS A SIGHT!
KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNING, SPRINGY! THIS WON'T TAKE LONG!
"THEN, OUT OF THE CORNER OF THE ALERT TEST PILOT'S EYE, HE SAW..."
OPEN UP THE SAFE--AND HOP TO IT!
GREAT JUMPING JUPITER! THAT MUST BE THE ROCKET ROBBERS!
"IN A TWINKLING, ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY AT THE SIGHT OF DANGER, HAL SWITCHED TO HIS FAMED ALTER EGO, GREEN LANTERN!"
MY RING IS EMPTY... BUT THOSE CROOKS DON'T KNOW THAT! MAYBE I CAN BLUFF THEM INTO SURRENDERING BY USING IT AS A THREAT...!
OFFICE
THROW DOWN YOUR GUNS, OR I--I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT!
GREEN LANTERN!
"BUT INSTEAD OF SURRENDERING, THE THIEVES SHOWED FIGHT..."
Uhh! THEY'VE CALLED MY BLUFF--WITH AN ATTACK OF THEIR OWN! CAUGHT ME WITH A LUCKY PUNCH -- GETTING GROGGY...
"FROM THEN ON, GL BATTLED ON SHEER INSTINCT! LATER, HE COULD ONLY DIMLY RECALL DETAILS OF THE EVENT..."
THAT LOOK IN HIS EYE! HE'S LIKE A WILD MAN--!

"THEN THE DRIVER, THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE GANG, BURST IN TO SEE WHAT HAD GONE WRONG..."
I'VE HEARD GREEN LANTERN IS IMMUNE TO GUNFIRE! BUT IF HE ISN'T, HE'S GONNA WISH HE WAS--!
PLUG HIM, SPRINGY! DON'T BE AFRAID-- HIS POWER RING ISN'T WORKING!
PISTOL POINTED AT ME!? ABOUT TO SHOOT--!
"STILL ON PURE INSTINCT, THE EMBATTLED GLADIATOR RESORTED WITHOUT THINKING TO HIS POWER RING, AND AMAZINGLY..."
TURNING MY BULLETS INTO SOAP BUBBLES!?
GOT TO KEEP GOING! GOT TO CAPTURE THESE EVIL-DOERS..
BAM BAM BAM!
"AND MOMENTS AFTER..."
GREEN LANTERN COULD HAVE STOPPED US RIGHT OFF THE BAT! BUT INSTEAD OF USING HIS POWER RING, HE FOUGHT IT OUT WITH US HAND-TO-HAND--
--TO SHOW US, I GUESS, THAT HIS FISTS ARE LOADED WITH POWER TOO!
"AS CONSCIOUSNESS ONCE MORE FLOODED THE GREEN-GARBED GLADIATOR WITH FULL AWARENESS..."
I'VE BEEN OUT ON MY FEET! I MUST HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE LAST FEW MINUTES WITHOUT KNOWING IT! BUT WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS-- HOW COME MY RING IS WORKING?!


"LATER, WITH THE ROCKET ROBBERS BEHIND BARS, AFTER HAL HAD FLOWN BACK HOME TO THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY..."
I STILL CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT! MY RING RAN OUT OF POWER AT THREE O'CLOCK TODAY! BUT I CHARGED IT YESTERDAY AT TWO O'CLOCK! AND THAT MEANS I HAD TWENTY-FIVE HOURS OF POWER--UNLESS I'VE GONE OFF MY NOGGIN!
"THEN, IN HIS DRESSING ROOM..."
WHOA UP! MY ELECTRIC CLOCK HERE IS STILL AT TWO O'CLOCK! COULD IT BE THAT THIS IS THE WHOLE ANSWER TO THE PUZZLE--RIGHT HERE?
"AND AFTER STARING AT THE CLOCK FOR ANOTHER FEW MINUTES..."
SURE ENOUGH! IT'S STOPPED RUNNING! IT MUST BE WORN OUT! SO THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING! YESTERDAY WHEN I CHARGED MY RING, THE CLOCK HAD ALREADY STOPPED! AND IT WAS REALLY THREE O'CLOCK AND NOT TWO O'CLOCK! AND THAT MEANS I HAD EXACTLY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF POWER--AS ALWAYS!
AS PIEFACE FINISHES HIS ACCOUNT...
... AND SO ENDS ANOTHER GREEN LANTERN ZERO HOUR STORY--AN ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE NAME IN THIS CASE BECAUSE FOR ALMOST ONE HOUR GL's RING WAS "ZERO" AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED!
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SHE HURLED A REPELLING RAY AT ME! THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN DEFEAT THIS MYSTERY WOMAN!
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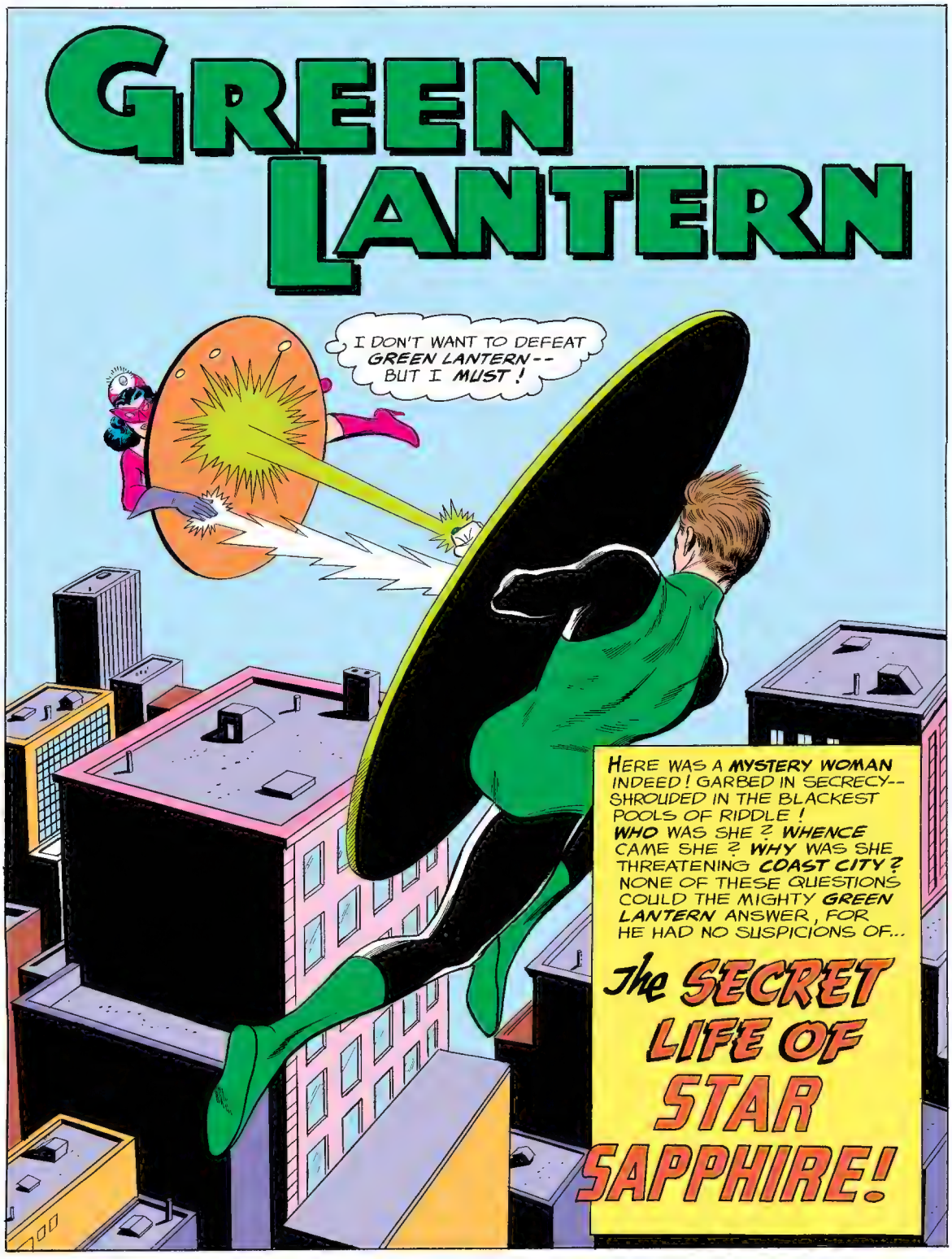
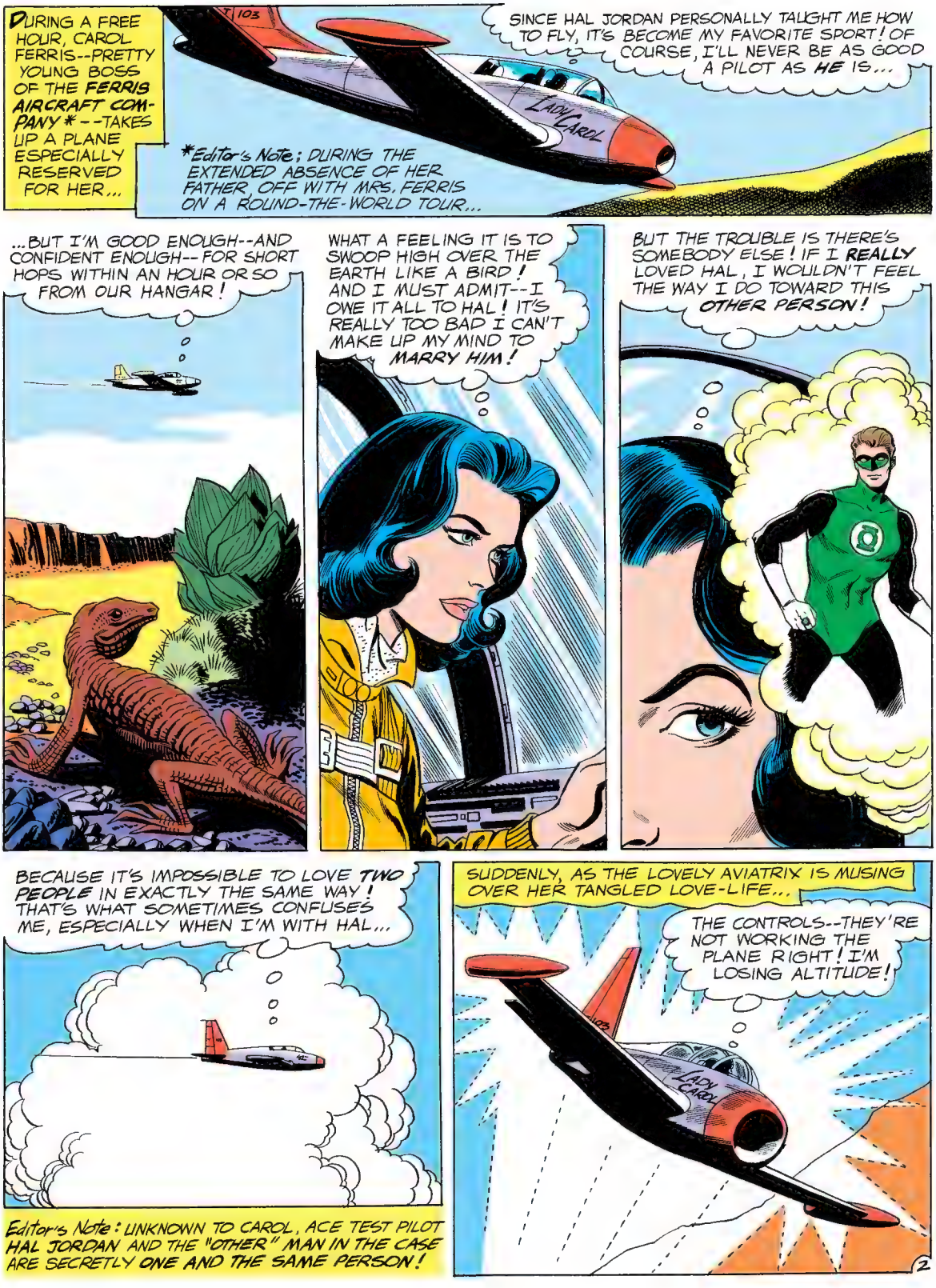

GREEN LANTERN
I DON'T WANT TO DEFEAT GREEN LANTERN-- BUT I MUST!
HERE WAS A MYSTERY WOMAN INDEED! GARBED IN SECRECY-- SHROUDED IN THE BLACKEST POOLS OF RIDDLE! WHO WAS SHE? WHENCE CAME SHE? WHY WAS SHE THREATENING COAST CITY? NONE OF THESE QUESTIONS COULD THE MIGHTY GREEN LANTERN ANSWER, FOR HE HAD NO SUSPICIONS OF...
The SECRET LIFE OF STAR SAPPHIRE!


DURING A FREE HOUR, CAROL FERRIS--PRETTY YOUNG BOSS OF THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY*--TAKES UP A PLANE ESPECIALLY RESERVED FOR HER...
*Editor's Note: DURING THE EXTENDED ABSENCE OF HER FATHER, OFF WITH MRS. FERRIS ON A ROUND-THE-WORLD TOUR...
SINCE HAL JORDAN PERSONALLY TAUGHT ME HOW TO FLY, IT'S BECOME MY FAVORITE SPORT! OF COURSE, I'LL NEVER BE AS GOOD A PILOT AS HE IS...
LADY CAROL
...BUT I'M GOOD ENOUGH--AND CONFIDENT ENOUGH--FOR SHORT HOPS WITHIN AN HOUR OR SO FROM OUR HANGAR!
WHAT A FEELING IT IS TO SWOOP HIGH OVER THE EARTH LIKE A BIRD! AND I MUST ADMIT--I OWE IT ALL TO HAL! IT'S REALLY TOO BAD I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND TO MARRY HIM!
BUT THE TROUBLE IS THERE'S SOMEBODY ELSE! IF I REALLY LOVED HAL, I WOULDN'T FEEL THE WAY I DO TOWARD THIS OTHER PERSON!
BECAUSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LOVE TWO PEOPLE IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY! THAT'S WHAT SOMETIMES CONFUSES ME, ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M WITH HAL...
Editor's Note: UNKNOWN TO CAROL, ACE TEST PILOT HAL JORDAN AND THE "OTHER" MAN IN THE CASE ARE SECRETLY ONE AND THE SAME PERSON!
SUDDENLY, AS THE LOVELY AVIATRIX IS MUSING OVER HER TANGLED LOVE-LIFE...
THE CONTROLS--THEY'RE NOT WORKING THE PLANE RIGHT! I'M LOSING ALTITUDE!
LADY CAROL
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I'M BEING FORCED DOWN! WITH LUCK, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO LAND SAFELY ON THE DESERT! THE SAND IS AS GOOD AS A RUNWAY HERE...
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LADY CAROL
UHH! HIT A SOFT PATCH WITH A WHEEL! I'M TILTING--
LADY CAROL
THE NEXT MOMENT...
THAT WAS CLUMSY OF US! WE MANAGED THE LANDING BADLY! IF WE'VE HARMED HER--
NO--SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A FEW MOMENTS!
AND WHEN CAROL FERRIS AGAIN OPENS HER EYES...
DO NOT FEAR! ALL WILL BE EXPLAINED, YOUR HIGHNESS!
WH-WHAT DID YOU CALL ME--!?
YOUR HIGHNESS!
YOU ARE OUR QUEEN!
WE ARE HERE ON YOUR WORLD UNDER AN INVISIBILITY SCREEN! WE COME FROM THE PLANET ZAMARON WHICH, IN OUR LANGUAGE, MEANS LAND OF LOVELY WOMEN! WE CAME HERE TO FIND YOU!

SOON, WHEN CAROL IS TOLD MORE OF THE VISITORS FROM ZAMARON...
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE STORY! THESE ZAMARONS COME FROM A WORLD TREMENDOUSLY IN ADVANCE OF OURS SCIENTIFICALLY! A PLACE INHABITED...
"...SOLELY BY WOMEN! AND IF WHAT THEY SAY IS TRUE, THEY ARE ALL IMMORTAL..."
..."ALL, THAT IS, EXCEPT ONE!"
BY TRADITION, THE QUEEN OF THE ZAMARONS IS ALWAYS A MORTAL! WHAT IS MORE, HER SUCCESSOR MUST ALWAYS BE HER EXACT DUPLICATE IN APPEARANCE! THEY SAY THEY SEARCHED THROUGH THE GALAXY...
...UNTIL THEY FOUND A PERFECT REPLICA OF THEIR FORMER QUEEN WHO HAD JUST DIED--
--AND THAT I AM IT!
UNQUESTIONABLY YOU ARE, HIGHNESS! BEHOLD--
AS ONE OF THE ZAMARONS TOUCHES A FINGER TO CAROL'S FOREHEAD...
AN IMAGE APPEARING BEFORE ME! Hmm! IF THAT IS THEIR FORMER QUEEN, I MUST ADMIT THERE IS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE!...
AN EXACT RESEMBLANCE! NO DOUBT OF IT! YOUR HIGHNESS, WE MUST LEAVE AT ONCE TO RETURN TO ZAMARON WHERE YOU WILL BE CROWNED-- QUEEN STAR SAPPHIRE!
YOU MEAN-- LEAVE THE EARTH!? BUT I CAN'T DO THAT!
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AS CAROL FERRIS EXPLAINS WHY SHE CANNOT POSSIBLY ACCEPT THE HONOR ACCORDED HER...
THEN IT IS BECAUSE OF A MAN-CREATURE THAT YOU DO NOT WISH TO COME WITH US?
YOU ADMIT YOU ADMIRE THIS CREATURE?
I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM! AND HE'S NOT A CREATURE-- HIS NAME IS GREEN LANTERN!
AS OUR FUTURE QUEEN YOU MUST BE MADE TO REALIZE, HIGHNESS...
...HOW FAR SUPERIOR EVEN THE LOWEST ZAMARON IS TO ANY MAN--NO MATTER WHO HE BE! SINCE IT IS CLEAR TO US NOW THAT YOU WILL NEVER ACCEPT OUR OFFER TO BE OUR LEADER WHILE YOU REMAIN... AS YOU SAY... IN LOVE, WE HAVE A PROPOSAL...
WE ARE AWARE THAT THIS GREEN LANTERN IS A HERO OF CONSIDERABLE PROWESS ON YOUR WORLD! WE WILL SHOW YOU WHAT A WEAKLING HE REALLY IS! BETTER YET, YOU WILL PROVE IT TO YOURSELF!
I WILL PROVE?!
INSIDE THE SHIP, THE FINGERS OF A ZAMARON PLAY LIGHTLY OVER THE GLEAMING KEYS OF A FANTASTIC ORGAN...
REMAIN STILL, PLEASE, AND HAVE NO FEAR! WE ARE GOING TO ARRAY YOU IN ONE OF THE COSTUMES WORN BY OUR QUEEN FOR HUNTING AND EXPLORATION!
ENERGY, FROM THE ORGAN... STREAMING THROUGH MY BODY...
THEN MOMENTS AFTER...
(GASP) WHAT'S HAPPENED-- I FEEL SO DIFFERENT-- SO REGAL...
NEXT WE SHALL BESTOW UPON YOU TEMPORARILY SOME OF THE POWERS OF OUR QUEEN... CONCENTRATED IN THE GREAT STAR SAPPHIRE YOU ARE NOW WEARING!
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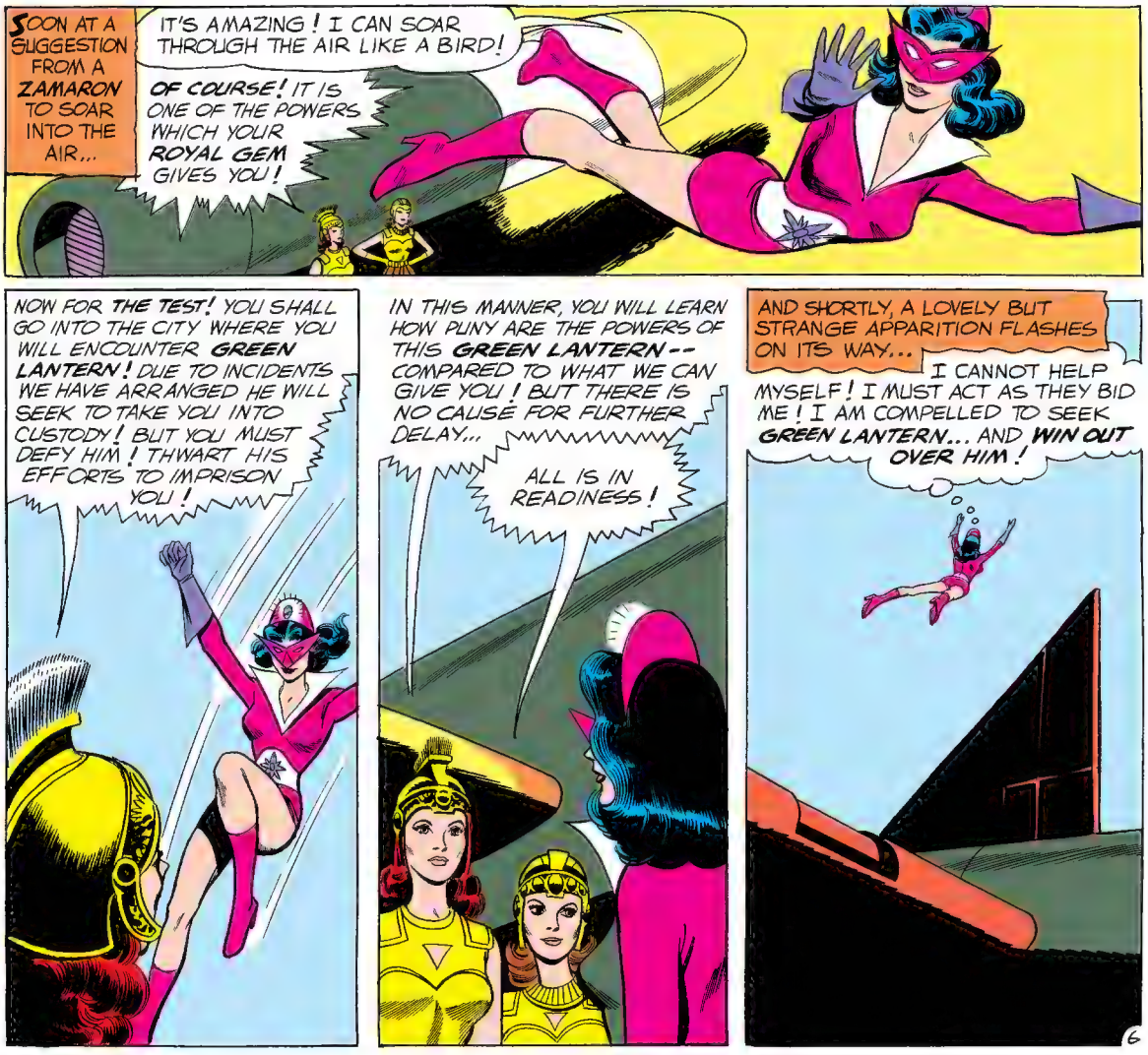
SOON AT A SUGGESTION FROM A ZAMARON TO SOAR INTO THE AIR...
IT'S AMAZING! I CAN SOAR THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A BIRD!
OF COURSE! IT IS ONE OF THE POWERS WHICH YOUR ROYAL GEM GIVES YOU!
NOW FOR THE TEST! YOU SHALL GO INTO THE CITY WHERE YOU WILL ENCOUNTER GREEN LANTERN! DUE TO INCIDENTS WE HAVE ARRANGED HE WILL SEEK TO TAKE YOU INTO CUSTODY! BUT YOU MUST DEFY HIM! THWART HIS EFFORTS TO IMPRISON YOU!
IN THIS MANNER, YOU WILL LEARN HOW PUNY ARE THE POWERS OF THIS GREEN LANTERN -- COMPARED TO WHAT WE CAN GIVE YOU! BUT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR FURTHER DELAY...
ALL IS IN READINESS!
AND SHORTLY, A LOVELY BUT STRANGE APPARITION FLASHES ON ITS WAY...
I CANNOT HELP MYSELF! I MUST ACT AS THEY BID ME! I AM COMPELLED TO SEEK GREEN LANTERN... AND WIN OUT OVER HIM!
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MEANWHILE AT THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY WHERE HAL JORDAN AND HIS ESKIMO GREASEMONKEY--AND LONE CONFIDANT--PIEFACE--HAVE BEEN KEEPING AN ANXIOUS VIGIL ...
NO ONE IN THE PLANT HAS ANY IDEA WHAT'S HAPPENED TO CAROL, PIE! ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW--
YOU'RE GOING TO SEARCH FOR HER-- AS GREEN LANTERN! RIGHT, HAL?
SURE ENOUGH, IN THE SECRECY OF HAL'S DRESSING ROOM BEHIND LOOKED DOORS...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
PIE, HOLD THE FORT! IF CAROL SHOWS UP, SHE MUSTN'T SUSPECT THAT I WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR HER-- AS GREEN LANTERN!
DON'T WORRY, PAL! I'LL COVER UP FOR YOU!
PIE--AND BARRY [THE FLASH] ALLEN ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE SEEN THE FACE UNDER THIS MASK! I WOULDN'T WANT CAROL TO SUSPECT THE TRUTH--IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT I WANT TO WIN HER FOR MYSELF-- AS HAL JORDAN! BUT LET ME SEE...
WHEN I GAVE CAROL HER FLYING LESSONS WE USUALLY HEADED TOWARD THE DESERT! I'LL TRY THAT WAY FIRST... IT WAS PRETTY NERVY OF HER TO GO OUT SOLO...eh??
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WHO IS THAT? UH--SHE'S ADDRESSING ME--
GREEN LANTERN, I CHALLENGE YOU!
CAN'T HELP MYSELF...
...I MUST SPEAK TO HIM THIS WAY!
I AM ABOUT TO BREAK INTO THE EXHIBIT OF ANCIENT GLASS HERE IN THE CITY TO COMMIT A CRIME! I DARE YOU TO STOP ME!
I HAVE NO TIME FOR GAMES!
GREAT GUARDIANS! I SUDDENLY GOT THE FEELING THIS IS NOT A GAME... BUT A THREAT! I'LL HAVE TO PUT OFF MY SEARCH FOR CAROL WHILE I DEAL WITH THIS EXTRAORDINARY MENACING FEMALE!
SOON... THERE SHE GOES INTO THE EXHIBIT BUILDING! WHERE COULD SHE HAVE COME FROM? WHO CAN SHE BE?
HE'S RIGHT ON MY HEELS!
THEN...
GASP! LOOK--
SHE'S STEALING THE ANCIENT HAND MIRROR AS SHE BOASTED! AND BY THE LOOKS OF IT--
--IT'S ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST VALUABLE PIECES HERE!
GREEN LANTERN DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THE ZAMARONS PLACED THIS MIRROR HERE--BY THEIR SUPER-SCIENTIFIC MEANS! I'M NOT REALLY STEALING IT--JUST PRETENDING TO!
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AS STAR SAPPHIRE MAKES OFF WITH HER "LOOT"..
THE PURPOSE IS TO GET HIM TO STOP ME! OH, GREEN LANTERN, PLEASE DON'T FAIL ME!
THIS GAME HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!
AS THE EMERALD GLADIATOR'S POWER BEAM ROARS OUT WITH THE FORCE OF A THOUSAND JET ENGINES...
SHOOTING HIS RING AT ME! I--I MUST COUNTERACT HIS MOVE--!
I SEEM TO BE TWO PEOPLE--ONE WANTING TO CONQUER GREEN LANTERN--THE OTHER AT THE SAME TIME WANTING HIM TO DEFEAT ME!!
THEN...
SHE'S HURLED A REPELLING RAY AT ME! WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THIS MYSTERIOUS POWER OF HERS--? IT'S NEARLY OVERWHELMING--!
CATAPULTED BACKWARD, GREEN LANTERN ACCIDENTALLY STRIKES A PROJECTING LEDGE...
UHH...
OH! WHAT HAVE I DONE?
JUST BEFORE HE BLANKS OUT, GREEN LANTERN WILL-POWERS HIS RING TO SAVE HIM FROM BEING HURT...
THANK GOODNESS! HIS RING SAVED HIM! IT MADE A NET TO CATCH HIM BEFORE HE COULD STRIKE THE GROUND!
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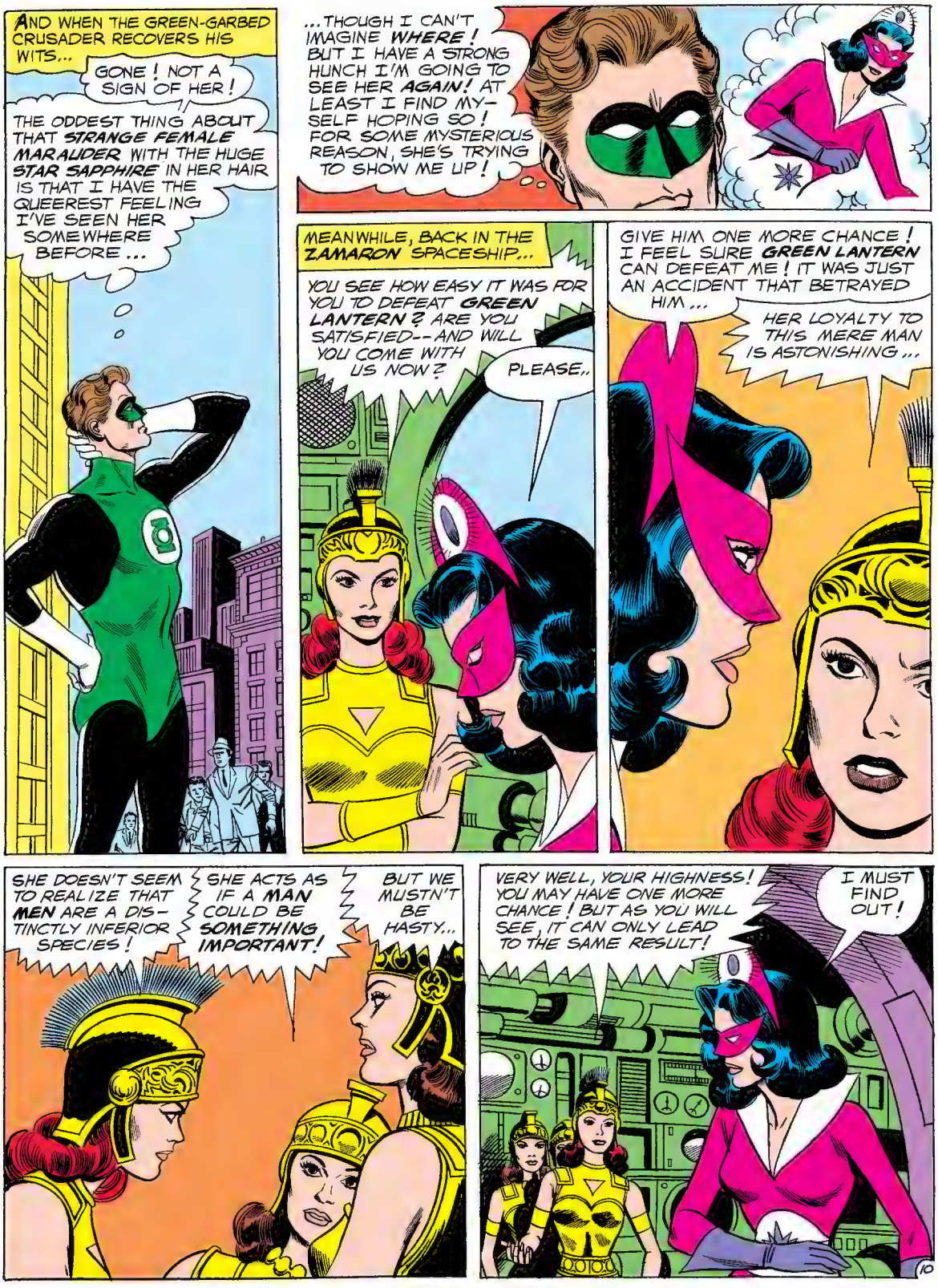
AND WHEN THE GREEN-GARBED CRUSADER RECOVERS HIS WITS...
GONE! NOT A SIGN OF HER!
THE ODDEST THING ABOUT THAT STRANGE FEMALE MARAUDER WITH THE HUGE STAR SAPPHIRE IN HER HAIR IS THAT I HAVE THE QUEEREST FEELING I'VE SEEN HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
...THOUGH I CAN'T IMAGINE WHERE! BUT I HAVE A STRONG HUNCH I'M GOING TO SEE HER AGAIN! AT LEAST I FIND MYSELF HOPING SO! FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON, SHE'S TRYING TO SHOW ME UP!
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE ZAMARON SPACESHIP...
YOU SEE HOW EASY IT WAS FOR YOU TO DEFEAT GREEN LANTERN? ARE YOU SATISFIED--AND WILL YOU COME WITH US NOW?
PLEASE..
GIVE HIM ONE MORE CHANCE! I FEEL SURE GREEN LANTERN CAN DEFEAT ME! IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT THAT BETRAYED HIM...
HER LOYALTY TO THIS MERE MAN IS ASTONISHING...
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO REALIZE THAT MEN ARE A DISTINCTLY INFERIOR SPECIES!
SHE ACTS AS IF A MAN COULD BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
BUT WE MUSTN'T BE HASTY...
VERY WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS! YOU MAY HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE! BUT AS YOU WILL SEE, IT CAN ONLY LEAD TO THE SAME RESULT!
I MUST FIND OUT!
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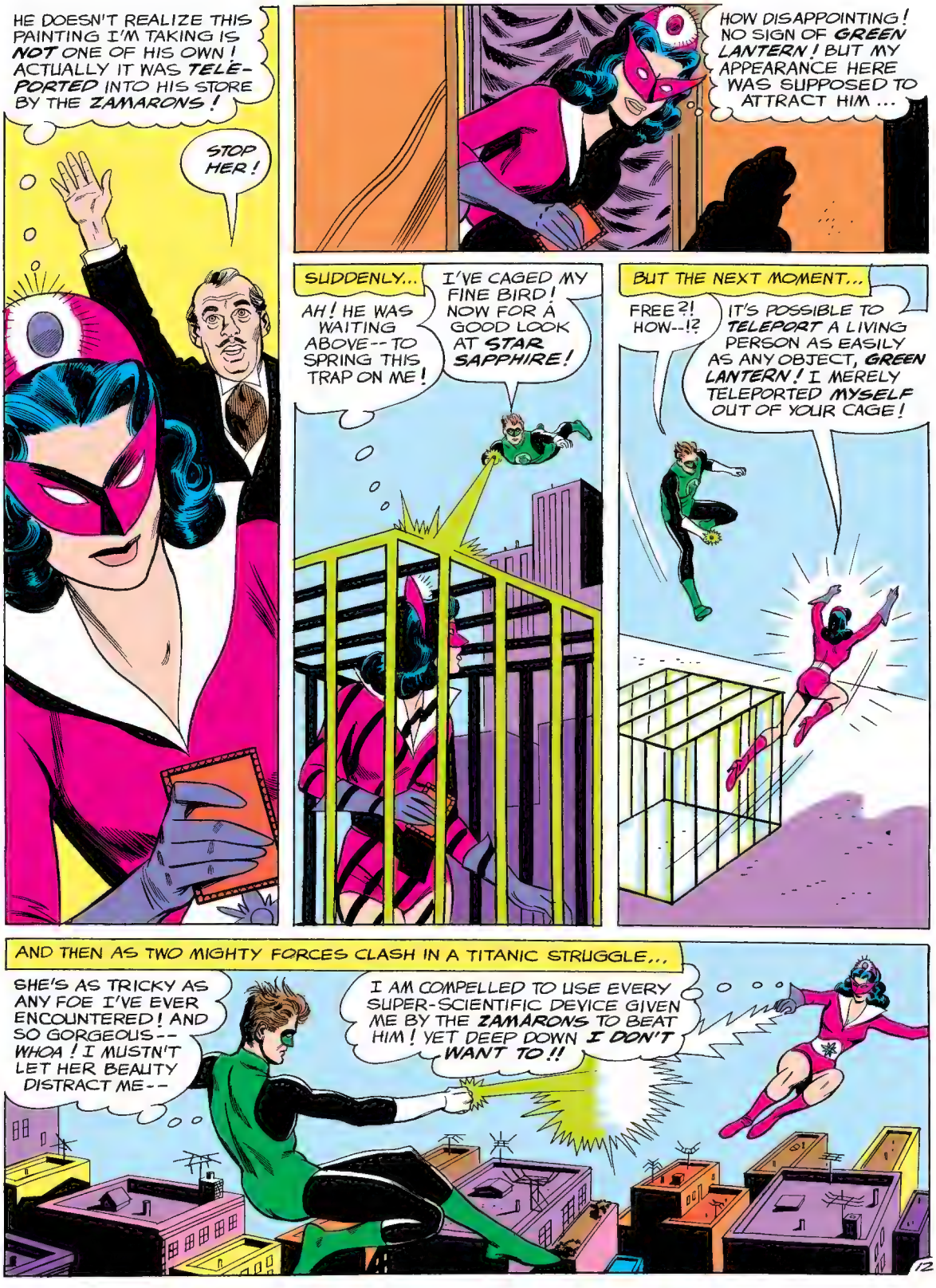
ONCE AGAIN AS SHE FLIES AWAY FROM THE SPACESHIP, A STRANGE TELEPATHIC FORCE REACHES THE TRANSFORMED CAROL FERRIS, SEIZING CONTROL OF HER...
I MUST DEFEAT GREEN LANTERN AT ALL COSTS! I MUST DEFEAT... GREEN LANTERN... AT ALL COSTS!
BUT HOW WILL GREEN LANTERN KNOW WHERE TO CONTACT STAR SAPPHIRE AGAIN?
ANAMEDE, YOU ARE ALWAYS ASKING QUESTIONS! IT IS SIMPLE! WE WILL USE A THOUGHT BEAM TO INFORM HIM...!
AND SOON...
NO HINT ANYWHERE OF CAROL OR THAT ODD THIEF! I--eh? TELEPATHIC WORDS REACHING ME --
GREEN LANTERN, IF YOU WISH TO LOCATE STAR SAPPHIRE...
...GO AT ONCE TO THE COAST CITY ART GALLERY!
STAR SAPPHIRE!? THAT MUST BE THE NEW FEMALE MARAUDER WHO'S SUDDENLY APPEARED IN THIS CITY!
THE MESSAGE MAY VERY WELL LEAD ME INTO A TRAP--OR ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE--BUT I'VE GOT TO CHANCE IT! BESIDES, I'D RATHER GO SOMEWHERE--DO SOMETHING--THAN BE A DO-NOTHING!
MEANWHILE, IN THE ART GALLERY...
HELP! THAT COSTUMED WOMAN IS STEALING A PRICELESS MINIATURE PAINTING!
APPARENTLY THE SIGHT OF ME HAS THE GALLERY OWNER RATTLED!


HE DOESN'T REALIZE THIS PAINTING I'M TAKING IS NOT ONE OF HIS OWN! ACTUALLY IT WAS TELE-PORTED INTO HIS STORE BY THE ZAMARONS!
STOP HER!
HOW DISAPPOINTING! NO SIGN OF GREEN LANTERN! BUT MY APPEARANCE HERE WAS SUPPOSED TO ATTRACT HIM ...
SUDDENLY...
AH! HE WAS WAITING ABOVE--TO SPRING THIS TRAP ON ME!
I'VE CAGED MY FINE BIRD! NOW FOR A GOOD LOOK AT STAR SAPPHIRE!
BUT THE NEXT MOMENT...
FREE?! HOW--!?
IT'S POSSIBLE TO TELEPORT A LIVING PERSON AS EASILY AS ANY OBJECT, GREEN LANTERN! I MERELY TELEPORTED MYSELF OUT OF YOUR CAGE!
AND THEN AS TWO MIGHTY FORCES CLASH IN A TITANIC STRUGGLE...
SHE'S AS TRICKY AS ANY FOE I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED! AND SO GORGEOUS-- WHOA! I MUSTN'T LET HER BEAUTY DISTRACT ME--
I AM COMPELLED TO USE EVERY SUPER-SCIENTIFIC DEVICE GIVEN ME BY THE ZAMARONS TO BEAT HIM! YET DEEP DOWN I DON'T WANT TO!!
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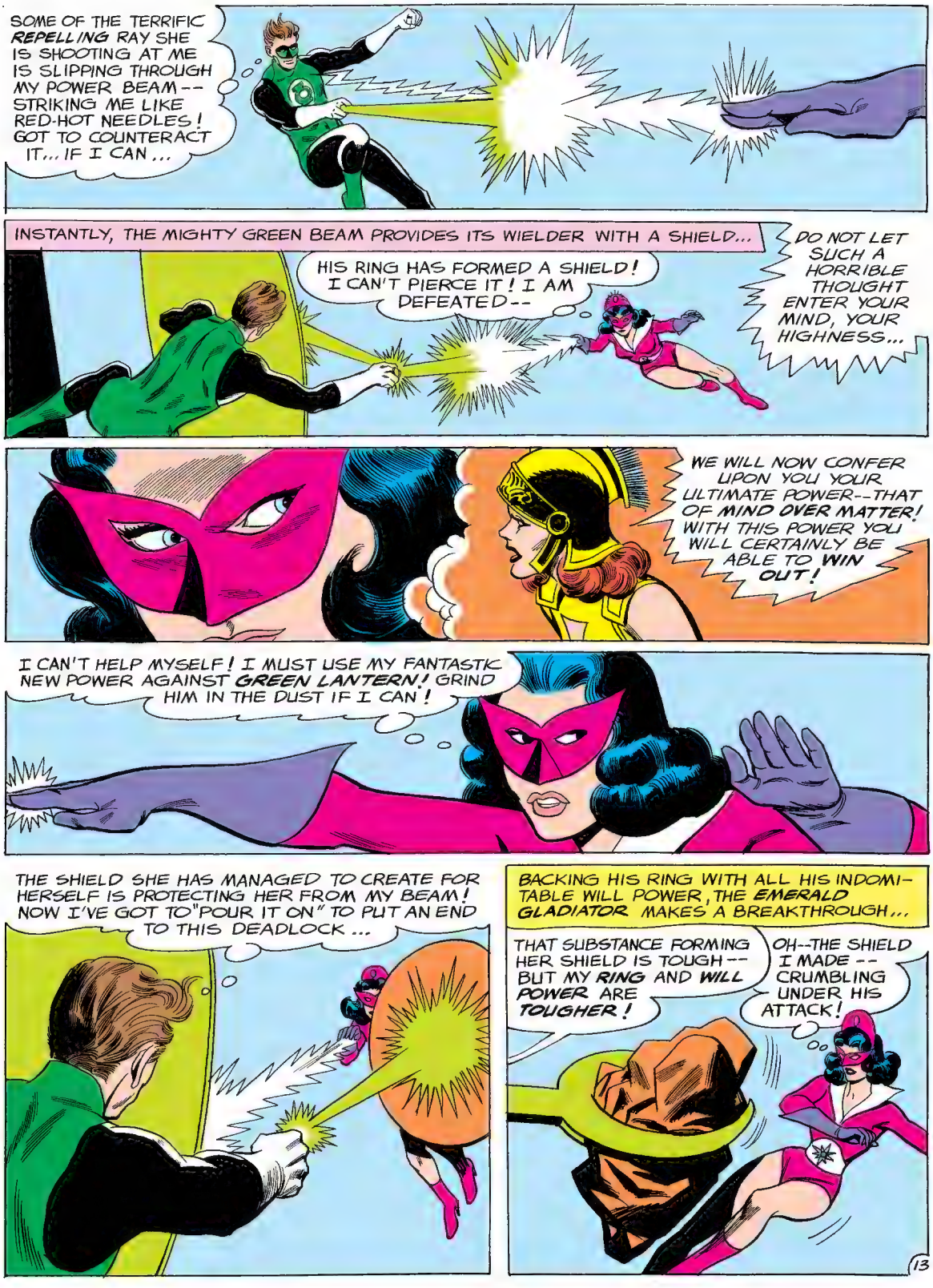
SOME OF THE TERRIFIC REPELLING RAY SHE IS SHOOTING AT ME IS SLIPPING THROUGH MY POWER BEAM -- STRIKING ME LIKE RED-HOT NEEDLES! GOT TO COUNTERACT IT... IF I CAN...
INSTANTLY, THE MIGHTY GREEN BEAM PROVIDES ITS WIELDER WITH A SHIELD...
HIS RING HAS FORMED A SHIELD! I CAN'T PIERCE IT! I AM DEFEATED --
DO NOT LET SUCH A HORRIBLE THOUGHT ENTER YOUR MIND, YOUR HIGHNESS...
WE WILL NOW CONFER UPON YOU YOUR ULTIMATE POWER--THAT OF MIND OVER MATTER! WITH THIS POWER YOU WILL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO WIN OUT!
I CAN'T HELP MYSELF! I MUST USE MY FANTASTIC NEW POWER AGAINST GREEN LANTERN! GRIND HIM IN THE DUST IF I CAN!
THE SHIELD SHE HAS MANAGED TO CREATE FOR HERSELF IS PROTECTING HER FROM MY BEAM! NOW I'VE GOT TO "POUR IT ON" TO PUT AN END TO THIS DEADLOCK...
BACKING HIS RING WITH ALL HIS INDOMITABLE WILL POWER, THE EMERALD GLADIATOR MAKES A BREAKTHROUGH...
THAT SUBSTANCE FORMING HER SHIELD IS TOUGH -- BUT MY RING AND WILL POWER ARE TOUGHER!
OH--THE SHIELD I MADE -- CRUMBLING UNDER HIS ATTACK!
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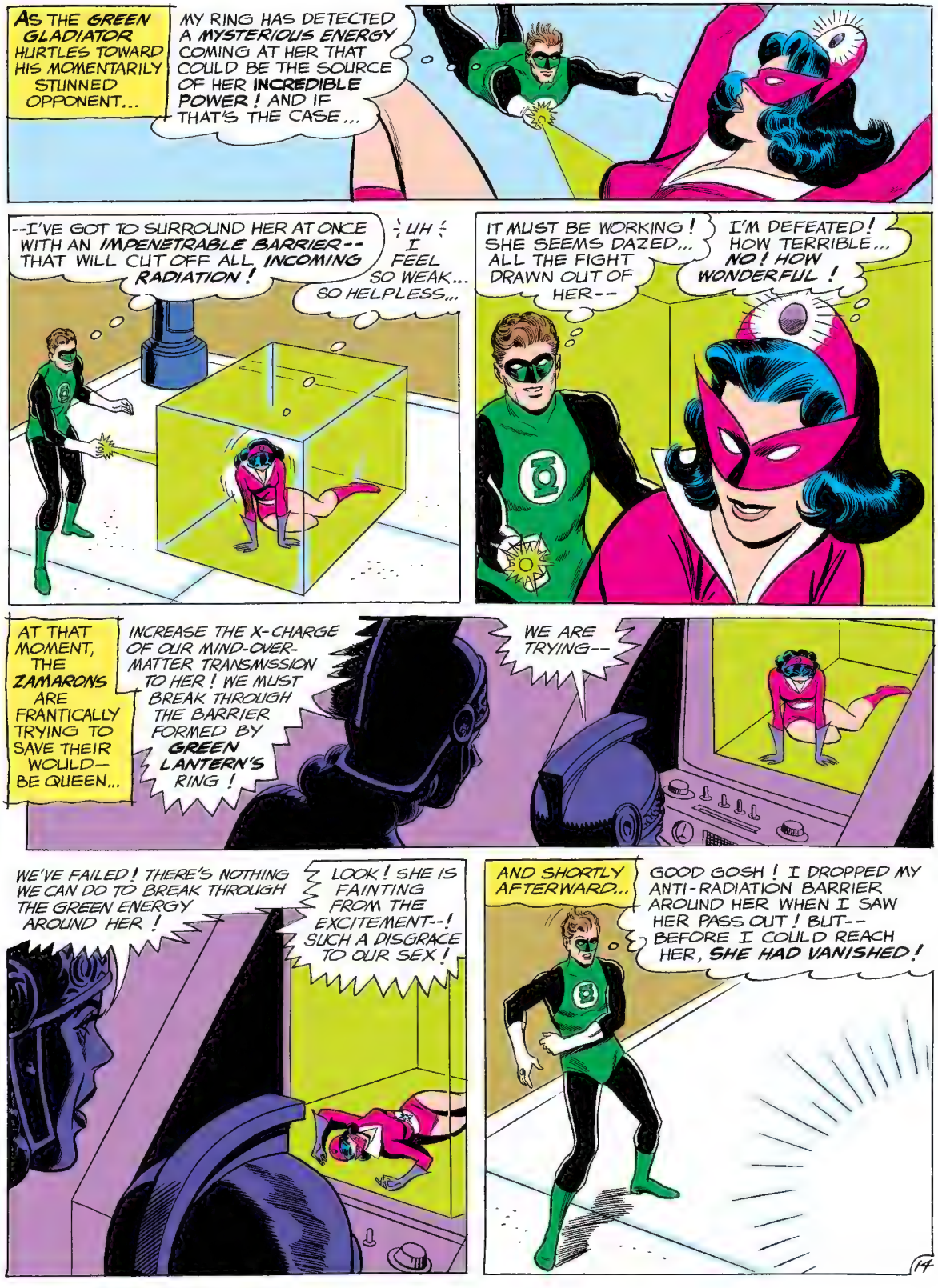
AS THE GREEN GLADIATOR HURTLES TOWARD HIS MOMENTARILY STUNNED OPPONENT...
MY RING HAS DETECTED A MYSTERIOUS ENERGY COMING AT HER THAT COULD BE THE SOURCE OF HER INCREDIBLE POWER! AND IF THAT'S THE CASE...
--I'VE GOT TO SURROUND HER AT ONCE WITH AN IMPENETRABLE BARRIER-- THAT WILL CUT OFF ALL INCOMING RADIATION!
UH I FEEL SO WEAK... SO HELPLESS...
IT MUST BE WORKING! SHE SEEMS DAZED... ALL THE FIGHT DRAWN OUT OF HER--
I'M DEFEATED! HOW TERRIBLE... NO! HOW WONDERFUL!
AT THAT MOMENT, THE ZAMARONS ARE FRANTICALLY TRYING TO SAVE THEIR WOULD-BE QUEEN...
INCREASE THE X-CHARGE OF OUR MIND-OVER-MATTER TRANSMISSION TO HER! WE MUST BREAK THROUGH THE BARRIER FORMED BY GREEN LANTERN'S RING!
WE ARE TRYING--
WE'VE FAILED! THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO BREAK THROUGH THE GREEN ENERGY AROUND HER!
LOOK! SHE IS FAINTING FROM THE EXCITEMENT--! SUCH A DISGRACE TO OUR SEX!
AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD...
GOOD GOSH! I DROPPED MY ANTI-RADIATION BARRIER AROUND HER WHEN I SAW HER PASS OUT! BUT-- BEFORE I COULD REACH HER, SHE HAD VANISHED!
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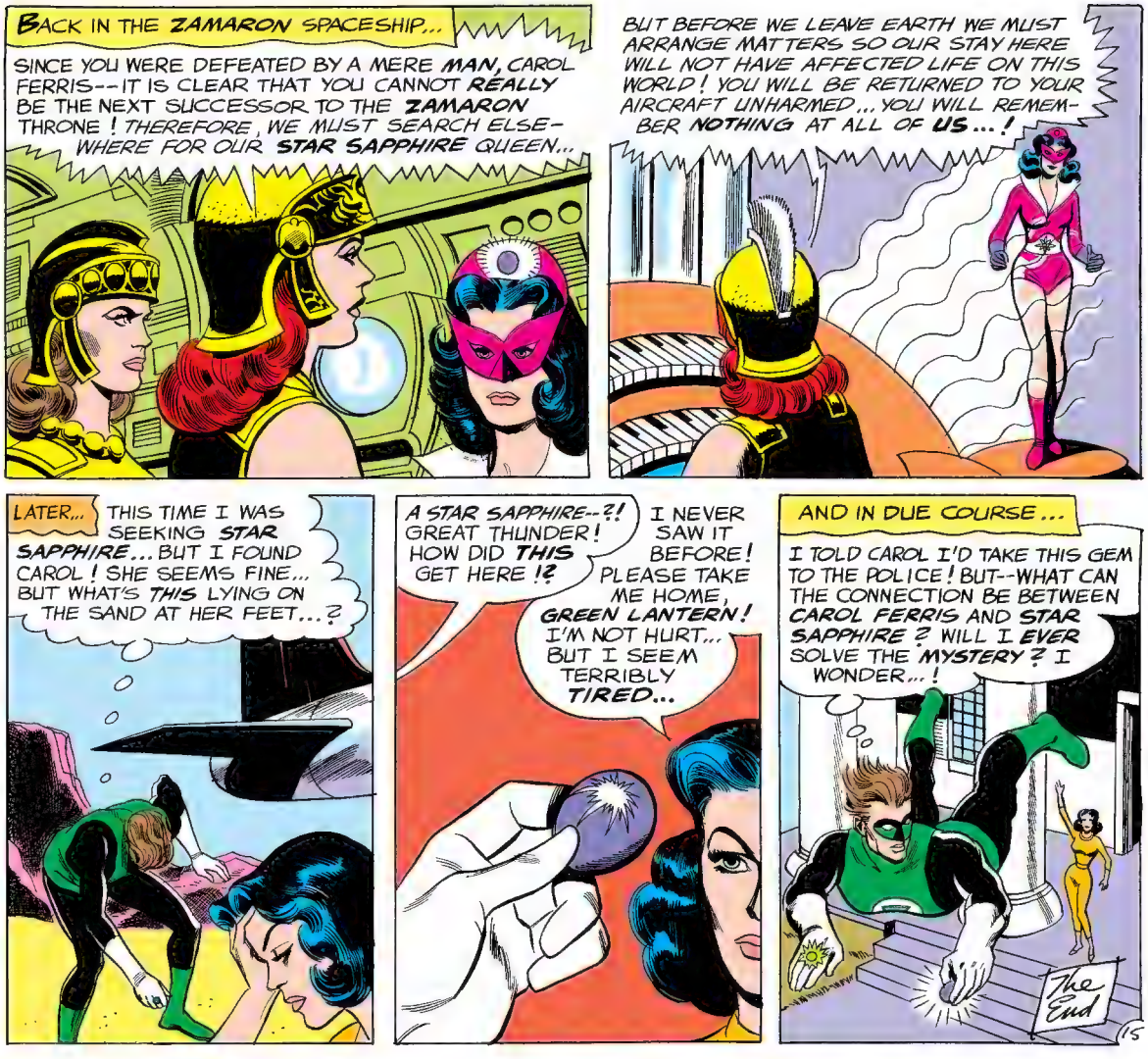
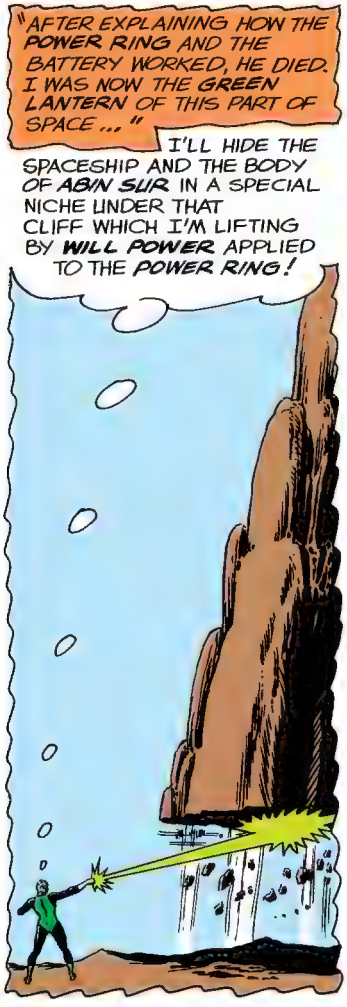
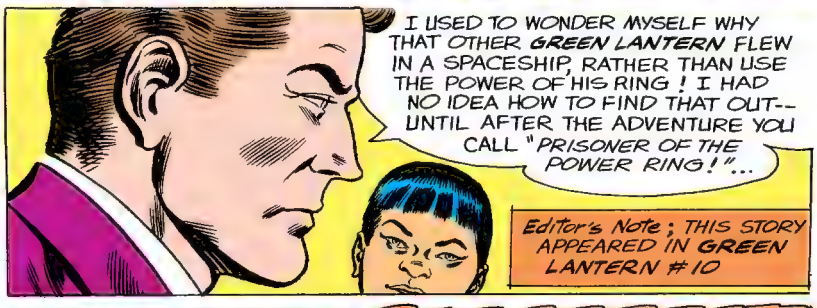

BACK IN THE ZAMARON SPACESHIP...
SINCE YOU WERE DEFEATED BY A MERE MAN, CAROL FERRIS--IT IS CLEAR THAT YOU CANNOT REALLY BE THE NEXT SUCCESSOR TO THE ZAMARON THRONE! THEREFORE, WE MUST SEARCH ELSEWHERE FOR OUR STAR SAPPHIRE QUEEN...
BUT BEFORE WE LEAVE EARTH WE MUST ARRANGE MATTERS SO OUR STAY HERE WILL NOT HAVE AFFECTED LIFE ON THIS WORLD! YOU WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR AIRCRAFT UNHARMED... YOU WILL REMEMBER NOTHING AT ALL OF US...!
LATER... THIS TIME I WAS SEEKING STAR SAPPHIRE... BUT I FOUND CAROL! SHE SEEMS FINE... BUT WHAT'S THIS LYING ON THE SAND AT HER FEET...?
A STAR SAPPHIRE--?! GREAT THUNDER! HOW DID THIS GET HERE!?
I NEVER SAW IT BEFORE! PLEASE TAKE ME HOME, GREEN LANTERN! I'M NOT HURT... BUT I SEEM TERRIBLY TIRED...
AND IN DUE COURSE...
I TOLD CAROL I'D TAKE THIS GEM TO THE POLICE! BUT--WHAT CAN THE CONNECTION BE BETWEEN CAROL FERRIS AND STAR SAPPHIRE? WILL I EVER SOLVE THE MYSTERY? I WONDER...!
The End

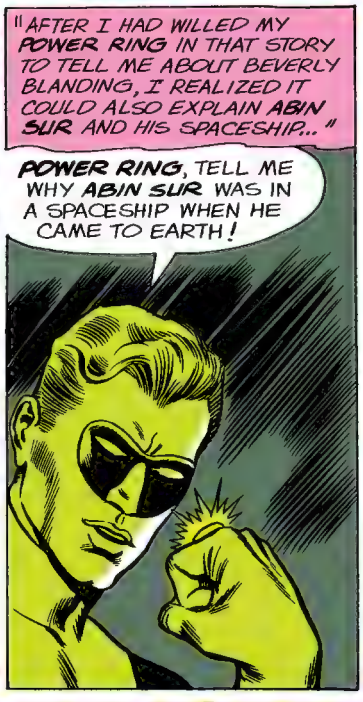
GREEN LANTERN
BEFORE I--HAL JORDAN OF EARTH--BECAME GREEN LANTERN, A MAN FROM ANOTHER PLANET WORE MY COLORFUL UNIFORM AND WIELDED THE AWESOME MIGHT OF THE POWER RING!
HIS NAME WAS ABIN SUR AND IT WAS HE WHO SELECTED ME TO SUCCEED HIM AS GREEN LANTERN! BUT WHY WAS ABIN SUR IN A SPACESHIP WHEN HE CAME TO EARTH--WHEN THE POWER RING COULD FLY HIM ANYWHERE THROUGH SPACE? HERE FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME IS THE STORY OF...
EARTH'S FIRST GREEN LANTERN!

IN A DRESSING ROOM AT THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY HANGAR, GREEN LANTERN TOUCHES HIS RING TO THE BATTERY OF POWER AS HIS CONFIDANT, PIEFACE, LOOKS ON...
IN BLACKEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER--GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
SWITCHING TO HIS CIVILIAN IDENTITY, HAL JORDAN PREPARES TO LEAVE WHEN...
IT'S ALWAYS A COMFORT TO KNOW MY POWER RING IS CHARGED FOR ANOTHER 24 HOURS...
HAL--STOP! YOU CAN'T GO OUT LIKE THAT!
HUH--WHY NOT?
LOOK--THAT'S WHY NOT! YOU'RE STILL WEARING YOUR GREEN LANTERN MASK!
Whew! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE! IF FOLKS EVER DISCOVERED GREEN LANTERN WAS HAL JORDAN THE SAME THING MIGHT HAPPEN TO ME AS HAPPENED TO ABIN SUR, THE "ORIGINAL" GREEN LANTERN WHO SELECTED ME TO TAKE HIS PLACE WHEN HIS SPACESHIP CRASH-LANDED ON EARTH!
SO ABIN SUR DIDN'T WEAR A MASK, HEY? Hmm, THAT MIGHT MAKE A GOOD STORY FOR MY GREEN LANTERN CASEBOOK! AND THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU CAN CLEAR UP ABOUT ABIN SUR!
YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING--SINCE A GREEN LANTERN CAN TRAVEL IN SPACE BY MEANS OF HIS POWER RING ALONE--HOW COME ABIN SUR WAS IN A SPACESHIP WHEN HE CRASH-LANDED HERE! LISTEN...
"TO REVIEW MY ORIGIN *'BRIEFLY', I WAS IN MY PILOT TRAINER WHEN A GREEN BEAM DREW ME TO A WRECKED SPACESHIP IN WHICH I FOUND..."
COME IN, HAL JORDAN! I USED MY POWER RING TO BRING YOU HERE!
GOOD GOSH! A SPACEMAN--COMMUNICATING WITH ME BY TELEPATHY!
Editor's Note: SEE SHOWCASE #22: "S.O.S GREEN LANTERN!"

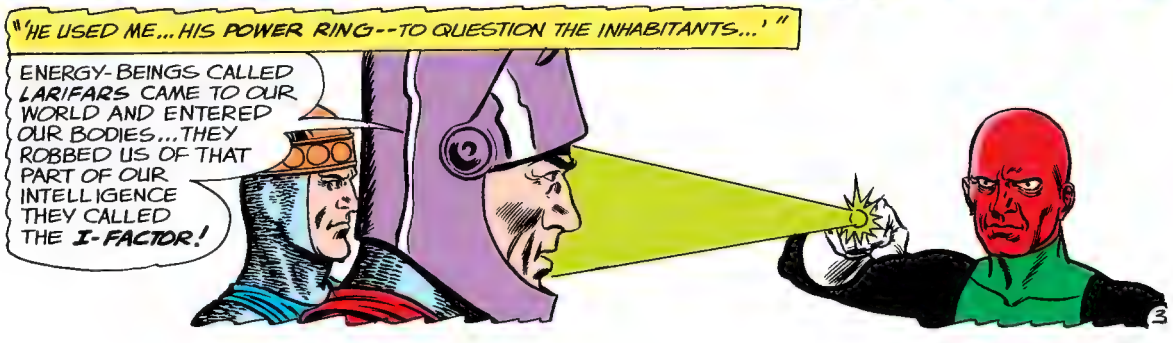
"THE DYING SPACEMAN WAS A GREEN LANTERN FROM THIS SECTOR OF SPACE. HE HAD CHOSEN ME OF ALL MEN ON EARTH TO SUCCEED HIM..."
YES...BY THE GREEN BEAM OF MY RING--I SEE THAT YOU ARE HONEST! AND THE BATTERY HAS ALREADY SELECTED YOU AS ONE BORN WITHOUT FEAR! SO NOW YOU PASS BOTH TESTS, HAL JORDAN...

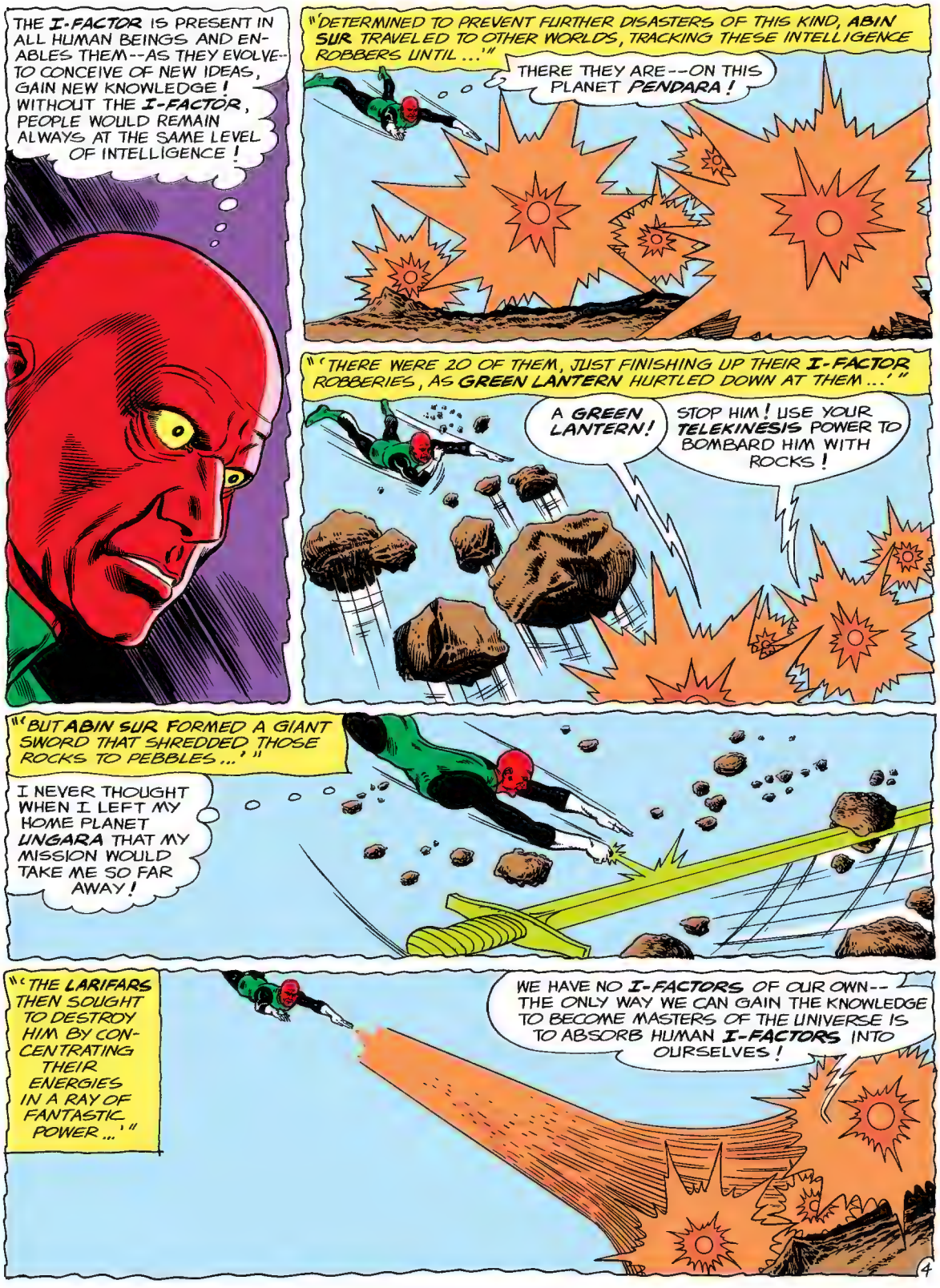

"AFTER EXPLAINING HOW THE POWER RING AND THE BATTERY WORKED, HE DIED. I WAS NOW THE GREEN LANTERN OF THIS PART OF SPACE..."
I'LL HIDE THE SPACESHIP AND THE BODY OF ABIN SUR IN A SPECIAL NICHE UNDER THAT CLIFF WHICH I'M LIFTING BY WILL POWER APPLIED TO THE POWER RING!


I USED TO WONDER MYSELF WHY THAT OTHER GREEN LANTERN FLEW IN A SPACESHIP, RATHER THAN USE THE POWER OF HIS RING! I HAD NO IDEA HOW TO FIND THAT OUT--UNTIL AFTER THE ADVENTURE YOU CALL "PRISONER OF THE POWER RING!"...
Editor's Note: THIS STORY APPEARED IN GREEN LANTERN #10


"AFTER I HAD WILLED MY POWER RING IN THAT STORY TO TELL ME ABOUT BEVERLY BLANDING, I REALIZED IT COULD ALSO EXPLAIN ABIN SUR AND HIS SPACESHIP..."
POWER RING, TELL ME WHY ABIN SUR WAS IN A SPACESHIP WHEN HE CAME TO EARTH!

"THIS IS THE STORY MY POWER RING TOLD! 'IN A REMOTE AREA OF HIS SPACE-SECTOR, ABIN SUR WAS CONDUCTING A ROUTINE INVESTIGATION WHEN HE LANDED ON THE PLANET OF ATHMOORA...!'"
STRANGE! THIS PLANET IS STILL IN THE NEO—MEDIEVAL STAGE--BUT IT OUGHT TO BE WELL INTO THE DAWN OF THE ATOMIC ERA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS! WHAT HELD ITS PROGRESS BACK?


"'HE USED ME...HIS POWER RING--TO QUESTION THE INHABITANTS...'"
ENERGY-BEINGS CALLED LARIFARS CAME TO OUR WORLD AND ENTERED OUR BODIES...THEY ROBBED US OF THAT PART OF OUR INTELLIGENCE THEY CALLED THE I-FACTOR!


THE I-FACTOR IS PRESENT IN ALL HUMAN BEINGS AND ENABLES THEM--AS THEY EVOLVE--TO CONCEIVE OF NEW IDEAS, GAIN NEW KNOWLEDGE! WITHOUT THE I-FACTOR, PEOPLE WOULD REMAIN ALWAYS AT THE SAME LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE!
"'DETERMINED TO PREVENT FURTHER DISASTERS OF THIS KIND, ABIN SUR TRAVELED TO OTHER WORLDS, TRACKING THESE INTELLIGENCE ROBBERS UNTIL ...'"
THERE THEY ARE--ON THIS PLANET PENDARA!
"'THERE WERE 20 OF THEM, JUST FINISHING UP THEIR I-FACTOR ROBBERIES, AS GREEN LANTERN HURTLED DOWN AT THEM ...'"
A GREEN LANTERN!
STOP HIM! USE YOUR TELEKINESIS POWER TO BOMBARD HIM WITH ROCKS!
"'BUT ABIN SUR FORMED A GIANT SWORD THAT SHREDDED THOSE ROCKS TO PEBBLES ...'"
I NEVER THOUGHT WHEN I LEFT MY HOME PLANET UNGARA THAT MY MISSION WOULD TAKE ME SO FAR AWAY!
"'THE LARIFARS THEN SOUGHT TO DESTROY HIM BY CONCENTRATING THEIR ENERGIES IN A RAY OF FANTASTIC POWER ...'"
WE HAVE NO I-FACTORS OF OUR OWN--THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE TO BECOME MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE IS TO ABSORB HUMAN I-FACTORS INTO OURSELVES!
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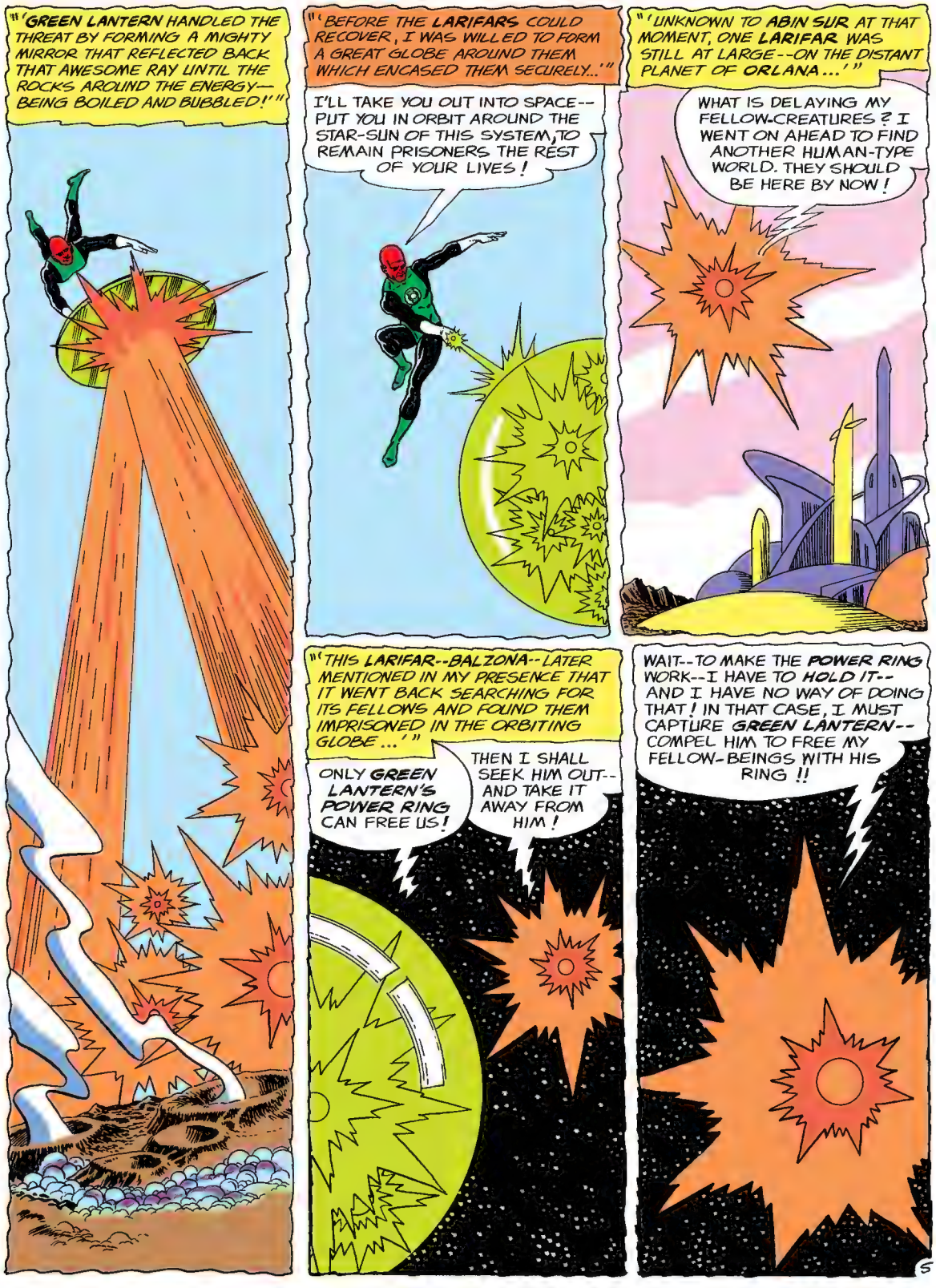
"'GREEN LANTERN HANDLED THE THREAT BY FORMING A MIGHTY MIRROR THAT REFLECTED BACK THAT AWESOME RAY UNTIL THE ROCKS AROUND THE ENERGY—BEING BOILED AND BUBBLED!'"
"'BEFORE THE LARIFARS COULD RECOVER, I WAS WILLED TO FORM A GREAT GLOBE AROUND THEM WHICH ENCASED THEM SECURELY...'"
I'LL TAKE YOU OUT INTO SPACE--PUT YOU IN ORBIT AROUND THE STAR-SUN OF THIS SYSTEM, TO REMAIN PRISONERS THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!
"'UNKNOWN TO ABIN SUR AT THAT MOMENT, ONE LARIFAR WAS STILL AT LARGE--ON THE DISTANT PLANET OF ORLANA...'"
WHAT IS DELAYING MY FELLOW-CREATURES? I WENT ON AHEAD TO FIND ANOTHER HUMAN-TYPE WORLD. THEY SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW!
"'THIS LARIFAR--BALZONA--LATER MENTIONED IN MY PRESENCE THAT IT WENT BACK SEARCHING FOR ITS FELLOWS AND FOUND THEM IMPRISONED IN THE ORBITING GLOBE...'"
ONLY GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING CAN FREE US!
THEN I SHALL SEEK HIM OUT--AND TAKE IT AWAY FROM HIM!
WAIT--TO MAKE THE POWER RING WORK--I HAVE TO HOLD IT--AND I HAVE NO WAY OF DOING THAT! IN THAT CASE, I MUST CAPTURE GREEN LANTERN--COMPEL HIM TO FREE MY FELLOW-BEINGS WITH HIS RING!!
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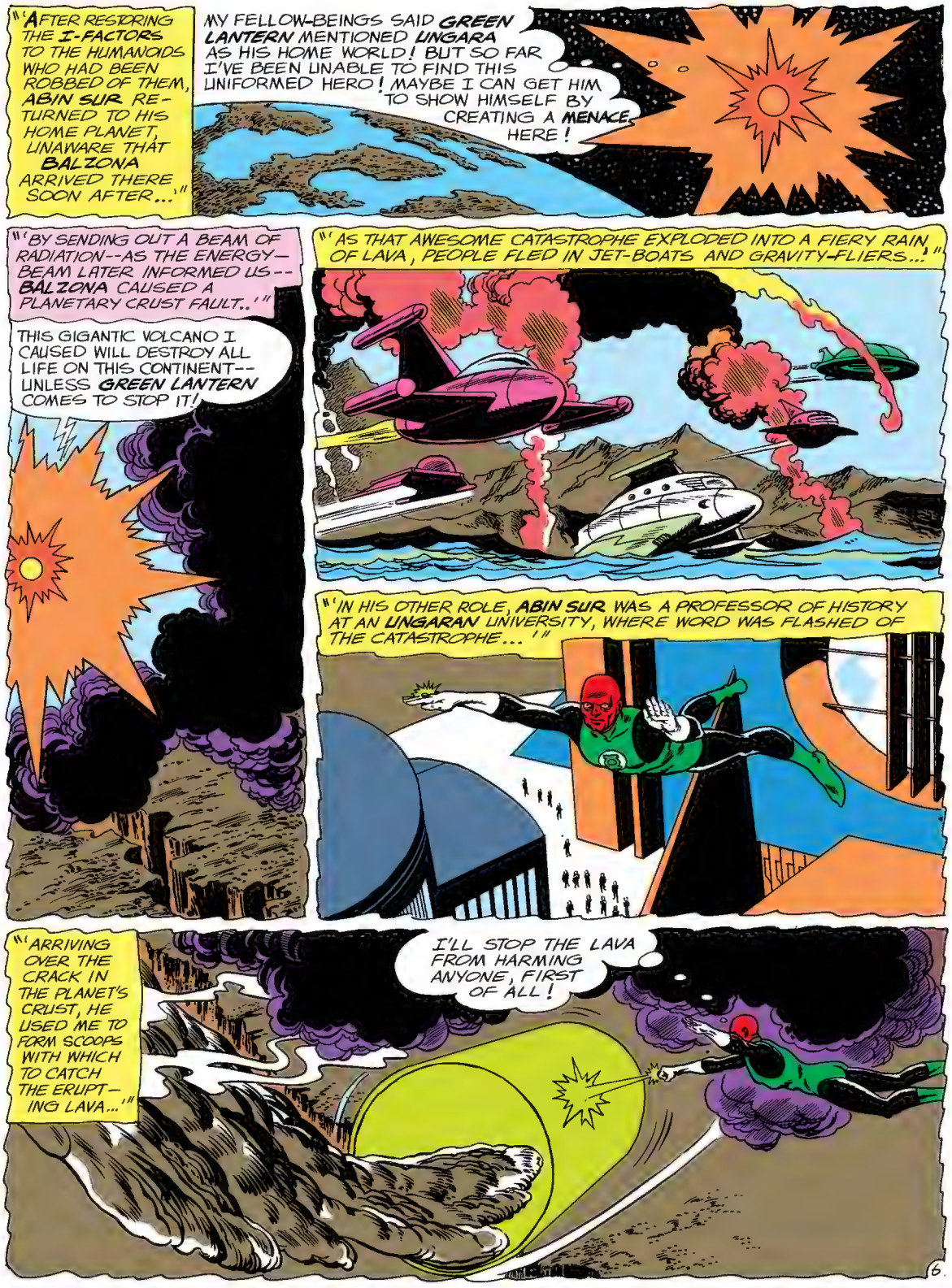
"'AFTER RESTORING THE I-FACTORS TO THE HUMANOIDS WHO HAD BEEN ROBBED OF THEM, ABIN SUR RETURNED TO HIS HOME PLANET, UNAWARE THAT BALZONA ARRIVED THERE SOON AFTER...'"
MY FELLOW-BEINGS SAID GREEN LANTERN MENTIONED UNGARA AS HIS HOME WORLD! BUT SO FAR I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND THIS UNIFORMED HERO! MAYBE I CAN GET HIM TO SHOW HIMSELF BY CREATING A MENACE HERE!
"'BY SENDING OUT A BEAM OF RADIATION--AS THE ENERGY-BEAM LATER INFORMED US--BALZONA CAUSED A PLANETARY CRUST FAULT..'"
THIS GIGANTIC VOLCANO I CAUSED WILL DESTROY ALL LIFE ON THIS CONTINENT--UNLESS GREEN LANTERN COMES TO STOP IT!
"'AS THAT AWESOME CATASTROPHE EXPLODED INTO A FIERY RAIN OF LAVA, PEOPLE FLED IN JET-BOATS AND GRAVITY-FLIERS...'"
"'IN HIS OTHER ROLE, ABIN SUR WAS A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT AN UNGARAN UNIVERSITY, WHERE WORD WAS FLASHED OF THE CATASTROPHE...'"
"'ARRIVING OVER THE CRACK IN THE PLANET'S CRUST, HE USED ME TO FORM SCOOPS WITH WHICH TO CATCH THE ERUPTING LAVA...'"
I'LL STOP THE LAVA FROM HARMING ANYONE, FIRST OF ALL!
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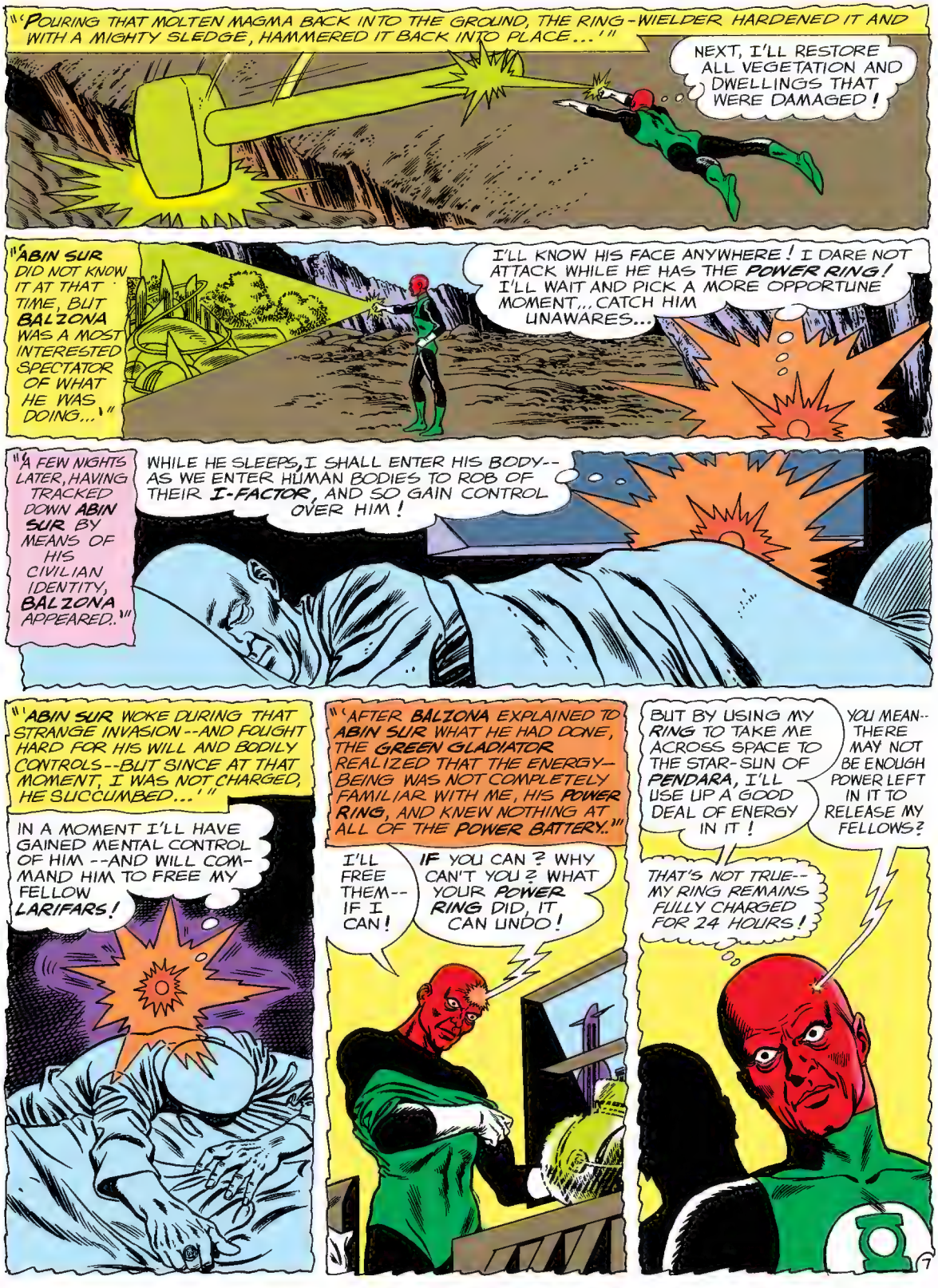
"'POURING THAT MOLTEN MAGMA BACK INTO THE GROUND, THE RING-WIELDER HARDENED IT AND WITH A MIGHTY SLEDGE, HAMMERED IT BACK INTO PLACE...'"
NEXT, I'LL RESTORE ALL VEGETATION AND DWELLINGS THAT WERE DAMAGED!
"ABIN SUR DID NOT KNOW IT AT THAT TIME, BUT BALZONA WAS A MOST INTERESTED SPECTATOR OF WHAT HE WAS DOING...'"
I'LL KNOW HIS FACE ANYWHERE! I DARE NOT ATTACK WHILE HE HAS THE POWER RING! I'LL WAIT AND PICK A MORE OPPORTUNE MOMENT... CATCH HIM UNAWARES...
"A FEW NIGHTS LATER, HAVING TRACKED DOWN ABIN SUR BY MEANS OF HIS CIVILIAN IDENTITY, BALZONA APPEARED..'"
WHILE HE SLEEPS, I SHALL ENTER HIS BODY-- AS WE ENTER HUMAN BODIES TO ROB OF THEIR I-FACTOR, AND SO GAIN CONTROL OVER HIM!
"'ABIN SUR WOKE DURING THAT STRANGE INVASION--AND FOUGHT HARD FOR HIS WILL AND BODILY CONTROLS--BUT SINCE AT THAT MOMENT, I WAS NOT CHARGED, HE SUCCUMBED...'"
IN A MOMENT I'LL HAVE GAINED MENTAL CONTROL OF HIM--AND WILL COMMAND HIM TO FREE MY FELLOW LARIFARS!
"'AFTER BALZONA EXPLAINED TO ABIN SUR WHAT HE HAD DONE, THE GREEN GLADIATOR REALIZED THAT THE ENERGY-BEING WAS NOT COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH ME, HIS POWER RING, AND KNEW NOTHING AT ALL OF THE POWER BATTERY.'"
I'LL FREE THEM-- IF I CAN!
IF YOU CAN? WHY CAN'T YOU? WHAT YOUR POWER RING DID, IT CAN UNDO!
BUT BY USING MY RING TO TAKE ME ACROSS SPACE TO THE STAR-SUN OF PENDARA, I'LL USE UP A GOOD DEAL OF ENERGY IN IT!
YOU MEAN-- THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH POWER LEFT IN IT TO RELEASE MY FELLOWS?
THAT'S NOT TRUE-- MY RING REMAINS FULLY CHARGED FOR 24 HOURS!
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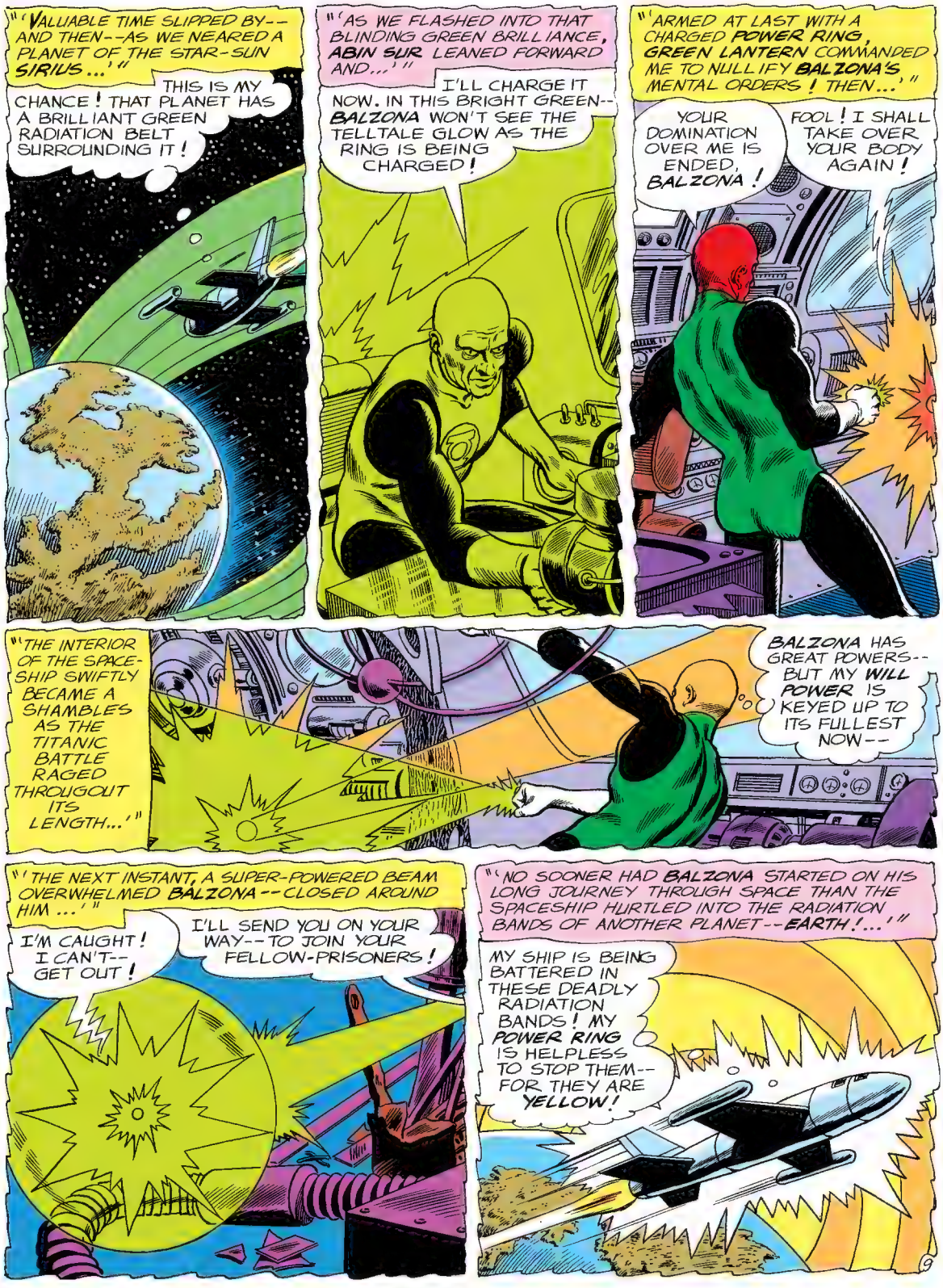
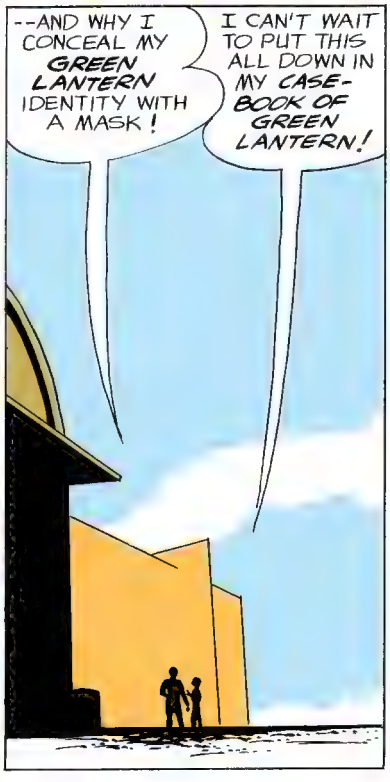
WELL, BALZONA-- WHAT COURSE OF ACTION DO I TAKE?
A COURSE THAT WILL LEAD TO SUCCESS! LISTEN -- AND HEED MY WORDS--
YOUR PEOPLE HAVE SPACESHIPS! YOU WILL TAKE ONE AND FLY TO MY IMPRISONED FELLOW-BEINGS! THAT WAY YOU WON'T EXHAUST ANY POWER IN YOUR RING!
I HOPED BALZONA WOULD SAY THAT--FOR IT GIVES ME THE ONE HOPE I HAVE OF DE-FEATING THAT ENERGY-BEING!
"'AS HE LEFT, ABIN SUR-- UNSEEN BY BALZONA-- PICKED UP THE BATTERY OF POWER, INVISIBLE TO ANY-ONE BUT GREEN LANTERN HIMSELF...!"
"'SOON, WITH GREEN LANTERN ABOARD, A FAST SPACE-SHIP TOOK OFF FOR THE STAR-SUN WHERE THE LARIFARS WERE IM-PRISONED...'"
NOW THAT YOU ARE TRAPPED INSIDE THE SPACESHIP WITH ME AND CANNOT GET AWAY, GREEN LANTERN, I'LL LEAVE YOUR BODY FOR A WHILE.
"'AS WE HURTLED ONWARD THROUGH THE VAST VOIDS OF SPACE, ABIN SUR WAS CONCENTRATING ON A WAY TO DEFEAT THE ENERGY-BEING...'"
MY ONLY HOPE IS TO CHARGE MY POWER RING AT THE BATTERY OF POWER-- BUT BALZONA WILL SEE THE RING GLOW AND STOP ME BEFORE I CAN PROPERLY CHARGE IT!


"'VALUABLE TIME SLIPPED BY--AND THEN--AS WE NEARED A PLANET OF THE STAR-SUN SIRIUS...'"
THIS IS MY CHANCE! THAT PLANET HAS A BRILLIANT GREEN RADIATION BELT SURROUNDING IT!
"'AS WE FLASHED INTO THAT BLINDING GREEN BRILLIANCE, ABIN SUR LEANED FORWARD AND...'"
I'LL CHARGE IT NOW. IN THIS BRIGHT GREEN--BALZONA WON'T SEE THE TELLTALE GLOW AS THE RING IS BEING CHARGED!
"'ARMED AT LAST WITH A CHARGED POWER RING, GREEN LANTERN COMMANDED ME TO NULLIFY BALZONA'S MENTAL ORDERS! THEN...'"
YOUR DOMINATION OVER ME IS ENDED, BALZONA!
FOOL! I SHALL TAKE OVER YOUR BODY AGAIN!
"'THE INTERIOR OF THE SPACE-SHIP SWIFTLY BECAME A SHAMBLES AS THE TITANIC BATTLE RAGED THROUGOUT ITS LENGTH...'"
BALZONA HAS GREAT POWERS--BUT MY WILL POWER IS KEYED UP TO ITS FULLEST NOW--
"'THE NEXT INSTANT, A SUPER-POWERED BEAM OVERWHELMED BALZONA--CLOSED AROUND HIM...'"
I'M CAUGHT! I CAN'T--GET OUT!
I'LL SEND YOU ON YOUR WAY--TO JOIN YOUR FELLOW-PRISONERS!
"'NO SOONER HAD BALZONA STARTED ON HIS LONG JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE THAN THE SPACESHIP HURTLED INTO THE RADIATION BANDS OF ANOTHER PLANET--EARTH!...'"
MY SHIP IS BEING BATTERED IN THESE DEADLY RADIATION BANDS! MY POWER RING IS HELPLESS TO STOP THEM--FOR THEY ARE YELLOW!

"A TERRIBLE YELLOW BRILLIANCE BLASTED ABIN SUR AT THE CONTROLS EVEN WHILE HE SOUGHT TO LIFT HIS SHIP FREE OF THAT DEADLY PERIL..."
YELLOW LIGHT-- BLINDING ME!

THE REST YOU KNOW, PIEFACE-- WHY I ALWAYS USE A NARROW, RADIATION-FREE CORRIDOR WHEN I LEAVE EARTH TO GO INTO SPACE, HOW I WAS MADE GREEN LANTERN--
--WHY ABIN SUR WAS IN A SPACESHIP WHEN HE CRASH-LANDED ON EARTH--


--AND WHY I CONCEAL MY GREEN LANTERN IDENTITY WITH A MASK!
I CAN'T WAIT TO PUT THIS ALL DOWN IN MY CASE-BOOK OF GREEN LANTERN!

FOR ONCE, PIE, LET ME GIVE YOU A TITLE FOR THIS ADVENTURE! I'VE ALWAYS LIKED TO THINK OF BRAVE ABIN SUR--WHO LOST HIS LIFE TO KEEP THE LARIFARS FROM SOMEDAY INVADING OUR PLANET-- AS "EARTH'S FIRST GREEN LANTERN"!
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NOW THAT OUR SPY-BEAMER HAS REVEALED THAT HAL JORDAN IS GREEN LANTERN, WE CAN OVERCOME OUR SUPER-FOE BY STRIKING AT HIM WHEN HE IS IN HIS CIVILIAN IDENTITY!
Featuring
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GREEN LANTERN
WHEN A BAND OF INTERNATIONAL SPIES PUT A SPY-BEAM ON TEST PILOT HAL JORDAN IN ORDER TO SECURE THE PLANS OF THE X-50 ROCKET PLANE, THEY ARE STUNNED TO DISCOVER THAT HAL IS ALSO THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTER GREEN LANTERN! AS A RESULT, THEY ABANDON THEIR IDEA OF STEALING THE X-50 PLANS FOR A FAR GREATER PRIZE--GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING!--THE
SPY-EYE THAT DOOMED GREEN LANTERN!
THERE IS OUR PROOF, HAL JORDAN! YOU ARE--GREEN LANTERN! NOW IF YOU WANT TO STAY ALIVE-- HAND OVER YOUR POWER RING! WE KNOW IT'S OVER 24 HOURS SINCE YOU CHARGED IT--SO IT'S POWERLESS AGAINST US!

AS HAL JORDAN LEAVES HIS BOARDING HOUSE EARLY ONE MORNING FOR THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT FACTORY...
THERE'S JORDAN NOW! GET HIM!
A STRANGE INSTRUMENT IS LIFTED, POINTED DOWN AT THE YOUNG TEST PILOT...
IN THE NEXT INSTANT, AN INVISIBLE BEAM OF LIGHT HITS HAL JORDAN AND BATHES HIM IN AN UNSEEN AURA...
BETTER GET A MOVE ON. I HAVE A BUSY DAY COMING UP!
JORDAN DOESN'T KNOW IT--BUT HE'S GOING TO HELP US SECURE THE PLANS FOR THE NEW X-50 ORBITAL PLANE HE'S TESTING TOMORROW!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TUNE IN ON HIM WITH OUR EYE SPY-BEAM!
MINUTES LATER, IN A PENTHOUSE APARTMENT NEAR THE JORDAN BOARDING HOUSE...
EXCELLENT! THIS SPY-APPARATUS WE BROUGHT FROM THE MOTHER COUNTRY IS FUNCTIONING PERFECTLY.
WE CAN'T PENETRATE WALLS OR PEOPLE WITH OUR EYE-SPY BEAM--BUT WE CAN COAT PEOPLE WITH IT, TURNING THEM INTO WALKING TELEVISION CAMERAS--AND SO FOLLOW THEM WITH THIS PROJECTOR WHEREVER THEY GO!
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LEAVING HIS CAR AT THE **FERRIS** PARKING LOT, HAL WALKS TOWARD HIS HANGAR DRESSING ROOM, GREETING HIS YOUNG ESKIMO MECHANIC ON THE WAY...

BE RIGHT WITH YOU, **PIE**--SOON'S I PUT ON SOME COVERALLS.

WE WANT TO CHECK OUT YOUR CONTROLS BEFORE YOU TAKE THIS BABY UP TOMORROW, HAL!

IN THE HANGAR DRESSING ROOM, WHERE--AS **GREEN LANTERN**--HE KEEPS HIS **BATTERY OF POWER** *...

Hmm--AS LONG AS I'M HERE I MIGHT AS WELL RECHARGE MY **POWER RING**. IT'S BEEN OVER 20 HOURS SINCE I LAST CHARGED IT!

*Editor's Note: TO SAFEGUARD ITS PRESENCE THERE, **GREEN LANTERN** HAS WILL-POWERED AN INVISIBILITY SHIELD AROUND THE **BATTERY**.

STRETCHING OUT HIS ARM, THE TEST PILOT REPEATS HIS SOLEMN OATH...

IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT,
NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT!
LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT
BEWARE MY POWER--
GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!

PUZZLED EYES WATCH AS HIS GLOWING BUT INVISIBLE **POWER RING** IS REFLECTED ON THE SPY-BEAMER SCREEN...

WHAT'S HE DOING?

AND WHAT'S THAT GREEN GLOW ON HIS FINGER?

HIS RING NOW FILLED WITH POWER FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS, HAL JORDAN DONS A COVERALL ...

YOU NEARLY READY, HAL?

BE RIGHT WITH YOU, **PIE**.

FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS, HAL AND **PIEFACE** CHECK OUT THE RADICAL NEW ROCKET-PLANE WITH WHICH IT IS HOPED MAN CAN **FLY INTO ORBIT--AND FLY OUT...**

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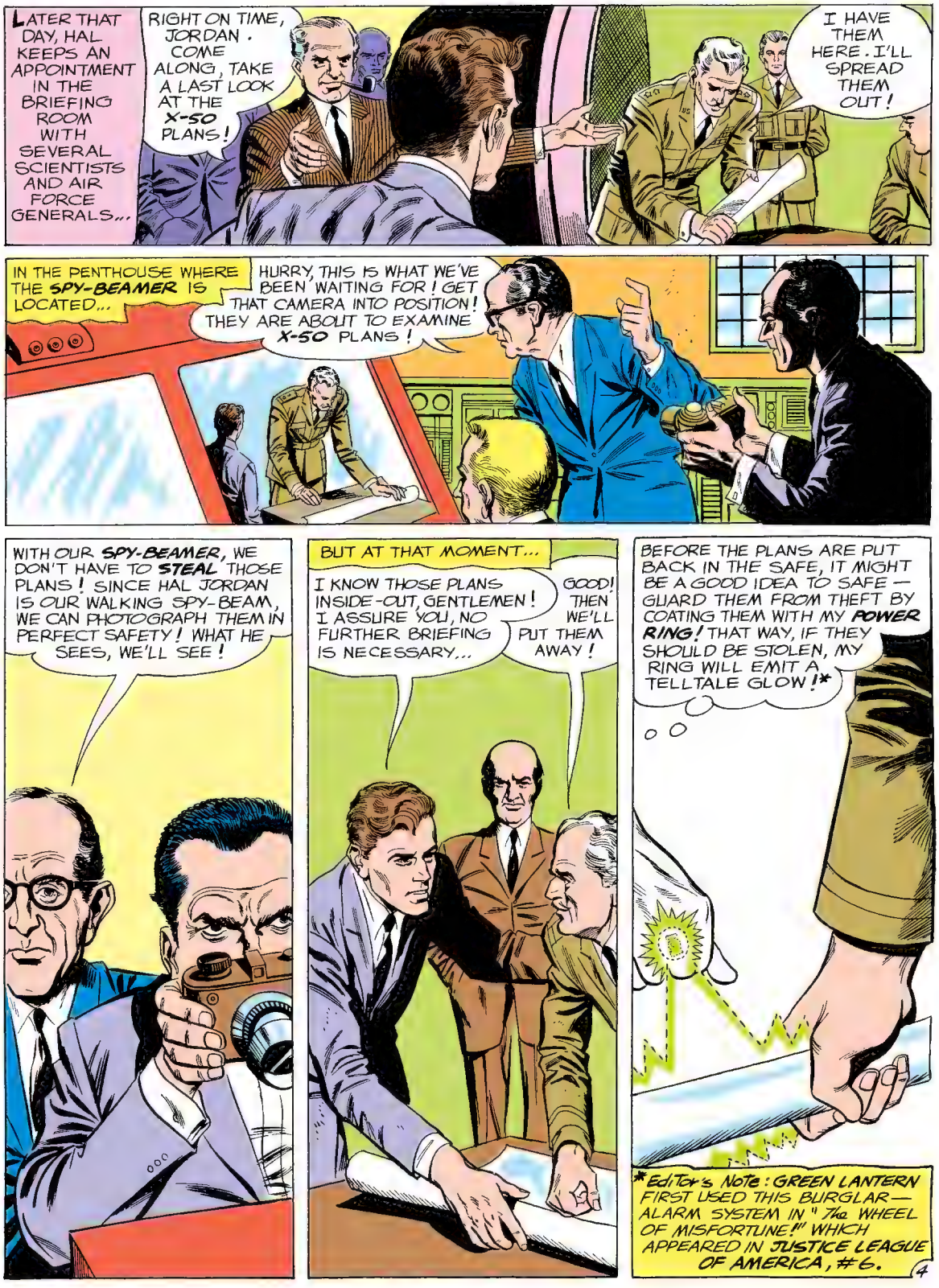
LATER THAT DAY, HAL KEEPS AN APPOINTMENT IN THE BRIEFING ROOM WITH SEVERAL SCIENTISTS AND AIR FORCE GENERALS...
RIGHT ON TIME, JORDAN. COME ALONG, TAKE A LAST LOOK AT THE X-50 PLANS!
I HAVE THEM HERE. I'LL SPREAD THEM OUT!
IN THE PENTHOUSE WHERE THE SPY-BEAMER IS LOCATED...
HURRY, THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! GET THAT CAMERA INTO POSITION! THEY ARE ABOUT TO EXAMINE X-50 PLANS!
WITH OUR SPY-BEAMER, WE DON'T HAVE TO STEAL THOSE PLANS! SINCE HAL JORDAN IS OUR WALKING SPY-BEAM, WE CAN PHOTOGRAPH THEM IN PERFECT SAFETY! WHAT HE SEES, WE'LL SEE!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
I KNOW THOSE PLANS INSIDE-OUT, GENTLEMEN! I ASSURE YOU, NO FURTHER BRIEFING IS NECESSARY...
GOOD! THEN WE'LL PUT THEM AWAY!
BEFORE THE PLANS ARE PUT BACK IN THE SAFE, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO SAFE-GUARD THEM FROM THEFT BY COATING THEM WITH MY POWER RING! THAT WAY, IF THEY SHOULD BE STOLEN, MY RING WILL EMIT A TELLTALE GLOW!*
*EDITOR'S NOTE: GREEN LANTERN FIRST USED THIS BURGLAR-ALARM SYSTEM IN "The WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE!" WHICH APPEARED IN JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, #6.
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CONSTERNATION OVERCOMES THE SPIES AS THEY SEE THEIR CAREFULLY LAID PLANS GO UP IN SMOKE...
JORDAN'S "DOUBLE-CROSSED" US! BY NOT LOOKING AT THE PLANS NEITHER CAN WE!
THIS "SPOILS" EVERYTHING! WHEN WE GO HOME AND REPORT FAILURE -- YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US!
WAIT! THERE'S STILL A WAY OUT! PHOTOGRAPH THE GENERAL AS HE OPENS THE SAFE! WE'LL BLOW UP THE PICTURES AND GET A CLOSE-UP OF THE COMBINATION --
--AND THEN WE'LL STEAL THE PLANS FROM THE SAFE!
WHEN THE BRIEFING PERIOD IS AT AN END, HAL FINDS HIS LADY BOSS, CAROL FERRIS, WAITING FOR HIM...
CAROL! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU!
TOMORROW'S A BIG DAY FOR FERRIS, HAL. I KNOW YOU HAVE TO GET TO BED EARLY AND HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP FOR ORBITING THE X-50 TOMORROW, BUT--
HOW ABOUT PUTTING YOU IN A GOOD FRAME OF MIND BY HAVING AN EARLY DINNER WITH ME!
SOLD! WHERE WOULD YOU CARE TO DINE?
WE'RE GOING TO EAT AT MY PLACE, HAL! I'M GOING TO WHIP UP A MEAL WITH MY OWN HANDS!
SCORE A POINT FOR HAL JORDAN IN HIS BATTLE WITH "GREEN LANTERN" TO WIN CAROL'S AFFECTIONS! SHE'S NEVER INVITED MY ALTER EGO FOR A HOME-COOKED MEAL!
HAL JORDAN IS A HAPPY MAN AS HE WATCHES THE GIRL HE LOVES BRING TWO PLATES TO THE LITTLE TABLE WHERE THEY ARE TO DINE -- WHEN...
MY RING -- STARTING TO GLOW!
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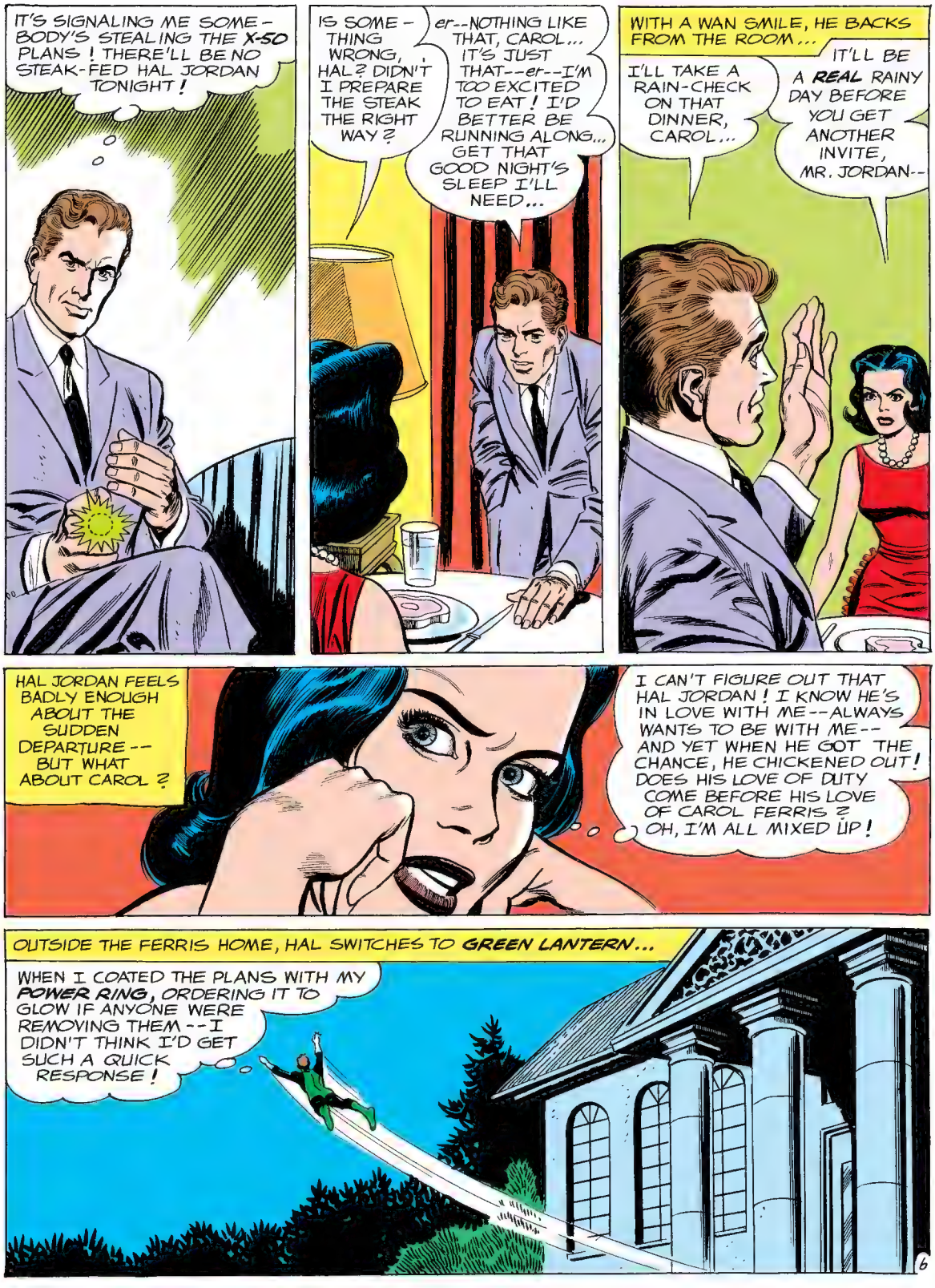
IT'S SIGNALING ME SOMEBODY'S STEALING THE X-50 PLANS! THERE'LL BE NO STEAK-FED HAL JORDAN TONIGHT!
IS SOMETHING WRONG, HAL? DIDN'T I PREPARE THE STEAK THE RIGHT WAY?
er--NOTHING LIKE THAT, CAROL... IT'S JUST THAT--er--I'M TOO EXCITED TO EAT! I'D BETTER BE RUNNING ALONG... GET THAT GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP I'LL NEED...
WITH A WAN SMILE, HE BACKS FROM THE ROOM...
I'LL TAKE A RAIN-CHECK ON THAT DINNER, CAROL...
IT'LL BE A REAL RAINY DAY BEFORE YOU GET ANOTHER INVITE, MR. JORDAN--
HAL JORDAN FEELS BADLY ENOUGH ABOUT THE SUDDEN DEPARTURE -- BUT WHAT ABOUT CAROL?
I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THAT HAL JORDAN! I KNOW HE'S IN LOVE WITH ME--ALWAYS WANTS TO BE WITH ME-- AND YET WHEN HE GOT THE CHANCE, HE CHICKENED OUT! DOES HIS LOVE OF DUTY COME BEFORE HIS LOVE OF CAROL FERRIS? OH, I'M ALL MIXED UP!
OUTSIDE THE FERRIS HOME, HAL SWITCHES TO GREEN LANTERN...
WHEN I COATED THE PLANS WITH MY POWER RING, ORDERING IT TO GLOW IF ANYONE WERE REMOVING THEM--I DIDN'T THINK I'D GET SUCH A QUICK RESPONSE!
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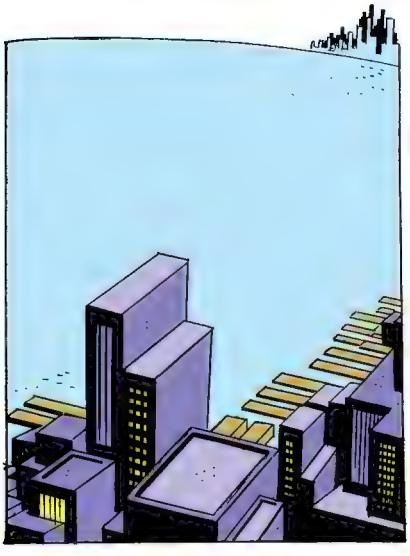
HIGH ABOVE **COAST CITY** STREAKS THE **EMERALD GLADIATOR**...

WHOEVER STOLE THOSE PLANS COULDN'T HAVE GONE VERY FAR IN THIS SHORT TIME. SINCE I ALREADY COATED THE PLANS BY MY RING, I CAN ORDER IT TO POINT TOWARD THEM!



HIS **POWER RING** POINTS AN ACCUSING FINGER DOWN AT A HIGH-POWERED CAR THAT HURTLES ALONG A LONELY ROAD...

THERE THEY ARE!

LOOK-- **GREEN LANTERN!**

TWIN SUBMACHINE GUNS POINT SKYWARD AND ERUPT WITH A DEAFENING CLATTER...

RATATATAT!

FROM THE **POWER RING**, VERDANT BEAMS OF POWER STAB DOWNWARD TO INTERCEPT THOSE SPEEDING LEAD PELLETS...

THE BULLETS THAT WERE MEANT TO STOP ME-- WILL STOP THEM!

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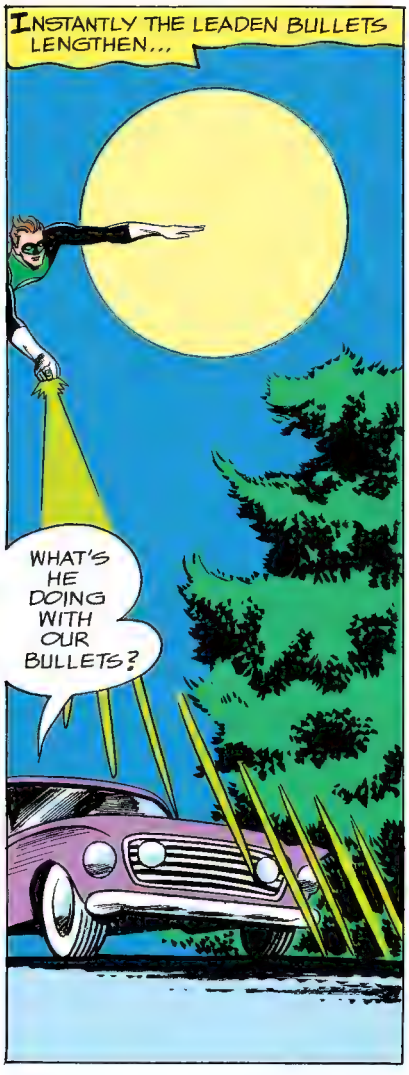
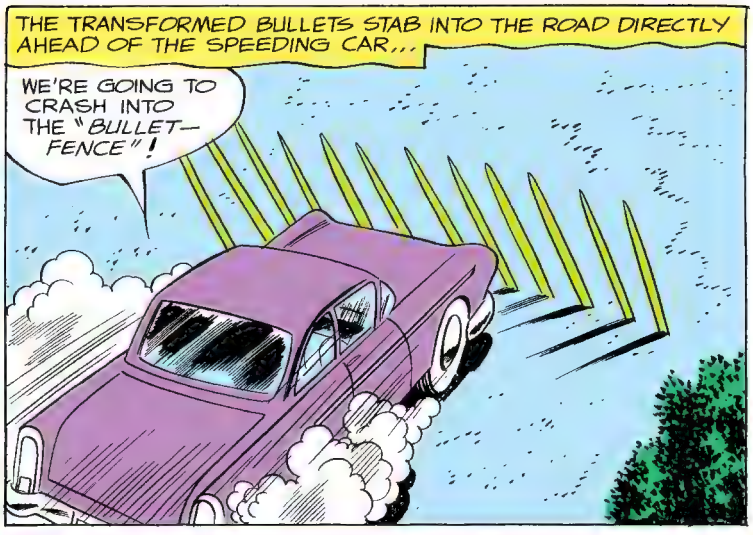
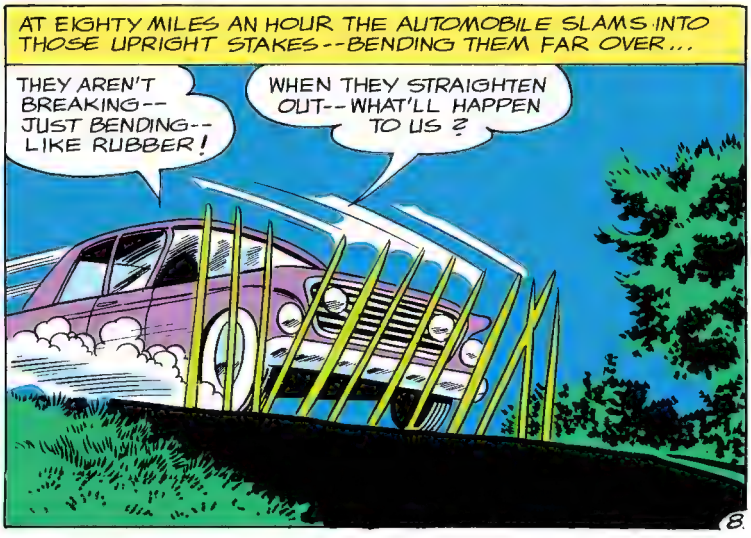

INSTANTLY THE LEADEN BULLETS LENGTHEN...
WHAT'S HE DOING WITH OUR BULLETS?


THE TRANSFORMED BULLETS STAB INTO THE ROAD DIRECTLY AHEAD OF THE SPEEDING CAR...
WE'RE GOING TO CRASH INTO THE "BULLET-FENCE"!


AT EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR THE AUTOMOBILE SLAMS INTO THOSE UPRIGHT STAKES--BENDING THEM FAR OVER...
THEY AREN'T BREAKING-- JUST BENDING-- LIKE RUBBER!
WHEN THEY STRAIGHTEN OUT--WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO US?
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The SPY-EYE THAT DOOMED GREEN LANTERN! PART 2
WE'RE FLYING THROUGH THE AIR--IN REVERSE!
I MADE THOSE STAKES RUBBERY BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO YOU--SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT'S BEHIND THIS ATTEMPT TO STEAL THE X-50 PLANS!
AS THE GREEN STAKES STRAIGHTEN OUT--THEY HURL THE CAR AND THE SPIES IN IT FLYING BACKWARD THROUGH THE AIR...
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BEFORE THE TUMBLING CAR AND ITS OCCUPANTS CAN FALL TO THE GROUND...
THE POWER-RING TRAMPOLINE WILL GIVE THEM ENOUGH BOUNCE...
...SO I CAN CATCH THEM IN THIS KING-SIZE BUTTERFLY NET!
THEN THEY ARE FLOWN TOWARD THE NEAREST POLICE STATION...
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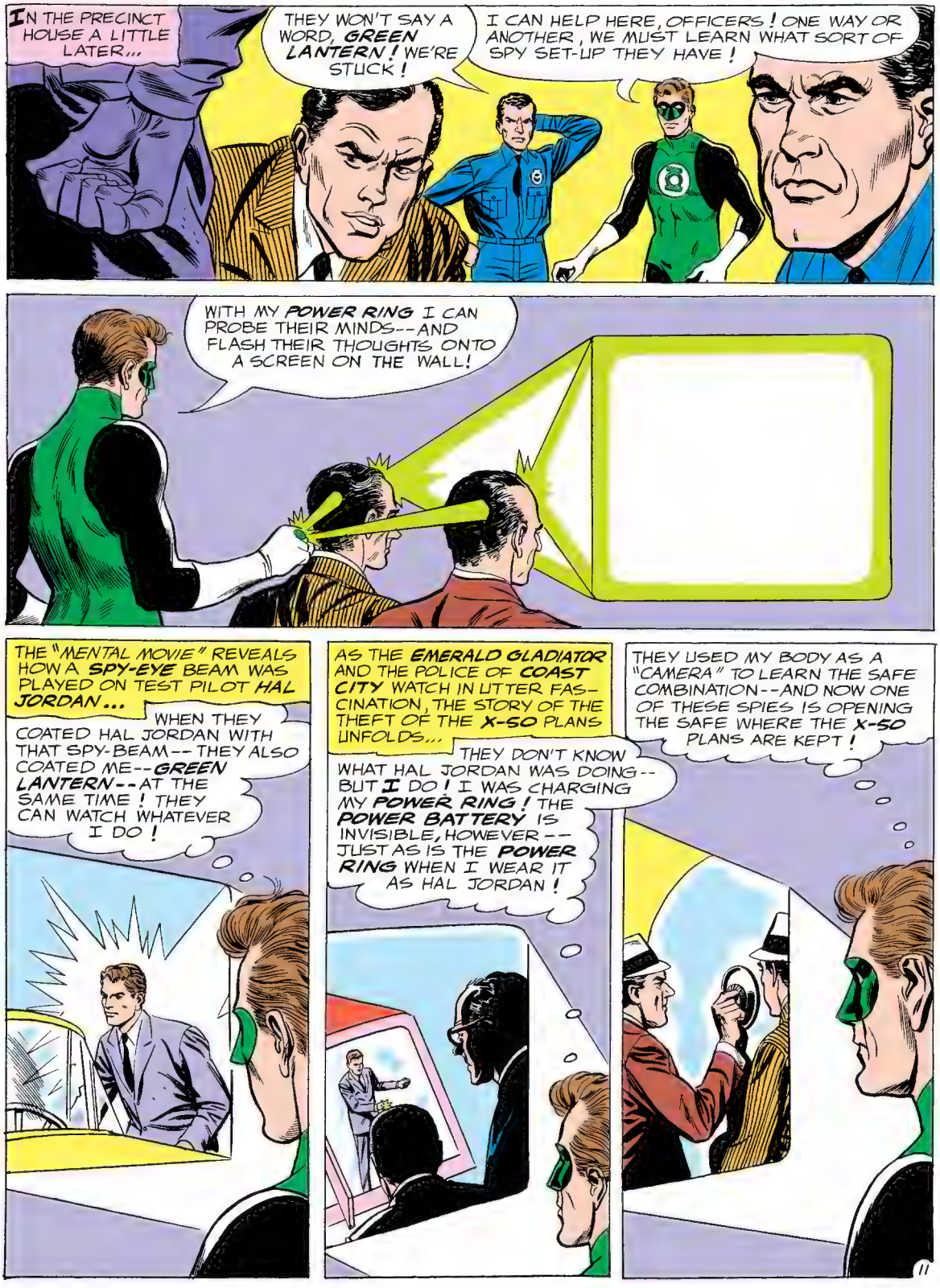
IN THE PRECINCT HOUSE A LITTLE LATER...
THEY WON'T SAY A WORD, GREEN LANTERN! WE'RE STUCK!
I CAN HELP HERE, OFFICERS! ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WE MUST LEARN WHAT SORT OF SPY SET-UP THEY HAVE!
WITH MY POWER RING I CAN PROBE THEIR MINDS--AND FLASH THEIR THOUGHTS ONTO A SCREEN ON THE WALL!
THE "MENTAL MOVIE" REVEALS HOW A SPY-EYE BEAM WAS PLAYED ON TEST PILOT HAL JORDAN...
WHEN THEY COATED HAL JORDAN WITH THAT SPY-BEAM-- THEY ALSO COATED ME--GREEN LANTERN--AT THE SAME TIME! THEY CAN WATCH WHATEVER I DO!
AS THE EMERALD GLADIATOR AND THE POLICE OF COAST CITY WATCH IN UTTER FASCINATION, THE STORY OF THE THEFT OF THE X-50 PLANS UNFOLDS...
THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAL JORDAN WAS DOING-- BUT I DO! I WAS CHARGING MY POWER RING! THE POWER BATTERY IS INVISIBLE, HOWEVER-- JUST AS IS THE POWER RING WHEN I WEAR IT AS HAL JORDAN!
THEY USED MY BODY AS A "CAMERA" TO LEARN THE SAFE COMBINATION--AND NOW ONE OF THESE SPIES IS OPENING THE SAFE WHERE THE X-50 PLANS ARE KEPT!

WHEN THE "MENTAL MOVIE" IS OVER...
WHAT ABOUT THESE X-SO PLANS YOU SAVED, GREEN LANTERN?
I'D BETTER TAKE THEM WITH ME UNTIL I CAN RETURN THEM TOMORROW!
AFTER LEAVING THE POLICE STATION, THE GREEN GLADIATOR HEADS TOWARD THE HEART OF COAST CITY...
I LEARNED SOME MORE THINGS FROM THOSE THREE SPIES--THE LOCATION OF THEIR HIDEOUT, WHERE THEIR MASTER SPY AND THE EYE-SPY BEAMER GADGET IS HIDDEN!...
HIGH ABOVE AN APARTMENT NOT FAR FROM HIS OWN BOARDING HOUSE (AS HAL JORDAN), GREEN LANTERN SENDS A MIGHTY BUZZ-SAW FLYING THROUGH THE AIR...
SINCE THE SPY-RING OCCUPIES THE ENTIRE TOP FLOOR I'LL REMOVE IT TO PREVENT ANY OF THEM FROM ESCAPING! I'LL REPAIR THE "DAMAGE" TO THE BUILDING AFTER I NAB THE SPIES!
THE GREEN TEETH OF THE FLYING SAW BITE DEEP INTO THE STEEL AND CONCRETE OF THE APARTMENT PENTHOUSE...
AS THE PENTHOUSE COMES FREE OF THE BUILDING IT IS GRIPPED BY A MIGHTY BIRD AND...
NOW I HAVE THEM WHERE THEY CAN'T GET AWAY--OR USE ANY OF THEIR SPY-TRICKS!
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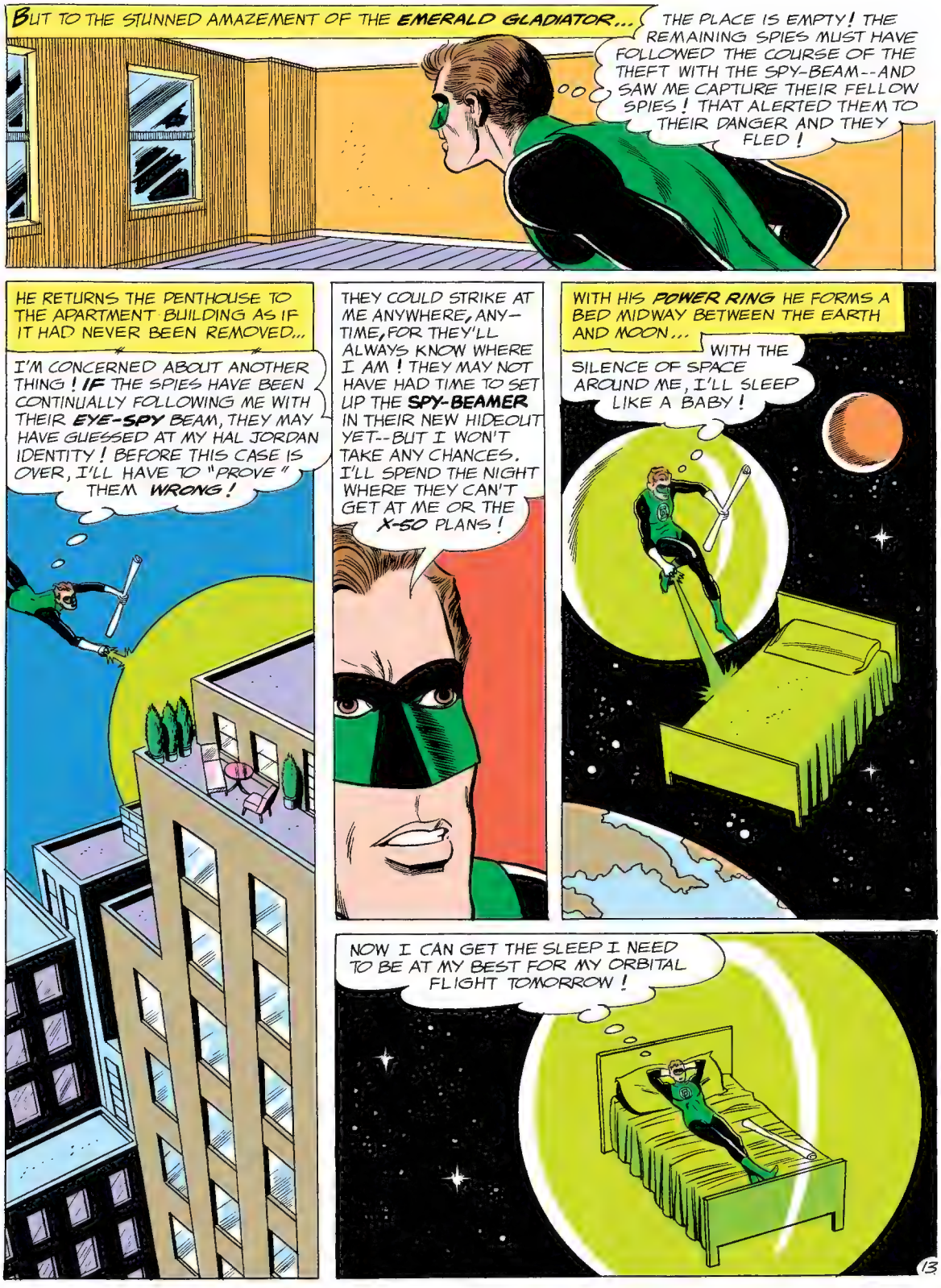
BUT TO THE STUNNED AMAZEMENT OF THE EMERALD GLADIATOR...
THE PLACE IS EMPTY! THE REMAINING SPIES MUST HAVE FOLLOWED THE COURSE OF THE THEFT WITH THE SPY-BEAM--AND SAW ME CAPTURE THEIR FELLOW SPIES! THAT ALERTED THEM TO THEIR DANGER AND THEY FLED!
HE RETURNS THE PENTHOUSE TO THE APARTMENT BUILDING AS IF IT HAD NEVER BEEN REMOVED...
I'M CONCERNED ABOUT ANOTHER THING! IF THE SPIES HAVE BEEN CONTINUALLY FOLLOWING ME WITH THEIR EYE-SPY BEAM, THEY MAY HAVE GUESSED AT MY HAL JORDAN IDENTITY! BEFORE THIS CASE IS OVER, I'LL HAVE TO "PROVE" THEM WRONG!
THEY COULD STRIKE AT ME ANYWHERE, ANY-TIME, FOR THEY'LL ALWAYS KNOW WHERE I AM! THEY MAY NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO SET UP THE SPY-BEAMER IN THEIR NEW HIDEOUT YET--BUT I WON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES. I'LL SPEND THE NIGHT WHERE THEY CAN'T GET AT ME OR THE X-50 PLANS!
WITH HIS POWER RING HE FORMS A BED MIDWAY BETWEEN THE EARTH AND MOON...
WITH THE SILENCE OF SPACE AROUND ME, I'LL SLEEP LIKE A BABY!
NOW I CAN GET THE SLEEP I NEED TO BE AT MY BEST FOR MY ORBITAL FLIGHT TOMORROW!
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NEXT MORNING, A FULLY REFRESHED GREEN LANTERN TURNS OVER THE X-50 PLANS TO AN AIR-FORCE GENERAL...
WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR WHAT YOU DID LAST NIGHT. THESE PLANS COULD MEAN THE SAFETY OF OUR COUNTRY AND EVERYONE IN IT!
SOME MILES AWAY, MASTER SPY IVAR DOMANN HAS ONCE AGAIN SET UP HIS SPY-EYE MACHINE...
THAT GREEN LANTERN! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM--WE'D BE ON OUR WAY TO THE MOTHER COUNTRY RIGHT NOW WITH THOSE PLANS!
SAY! I JUST NOTICED SOMETHING ODD! WHERE IS HAL JORDAN? WE COATED HIM WITH THE SPY-EYE--AND HE OUGHT TO BE AROUND SOMEWHERE OR WE WOULDN'T GET ANY PICTURE!
JUST AS A CAMERA HAS TO BE THERE TO TAKE A PICTURE--SO DOES SOMEONE COATED WITH THE SPY-BEAM! WE COATED ONLY HAL JORDAN--SO WHERE IS HE?
CHIEF, DO YOU THINK--?
I THINK HAL JORDAN AND GREEN LANTERN ARE ONE AND THE SAME MAN...
WE MIGHT HAVE KNOWN FOR SURE IF WE HAD KEPT THE SPY-BEAM MACHINE TURNED ON AT ALL TIMES!
FROM NOW ON WE WILL FOLLOW THIS GREEN LANTERN VERY CLOSELY! IF WE SEE HIM CHANGE INTO THE FLYING TOGS OF HAL JORDAN AND TAKE THE X-50 PLANE INTO ORBIT--WE'LL HAVE OUR MAN!
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BEFORE THE EMERALD GLADIATOR CHANGES INTO HIS PILOT'S GARB, HE ENTERS HIS HANGAR DRESSING ROOM, WHERE HE TOUCHES HIS RING TO THE BATTERY OF POWER, MADE TEMPORARILY VISIBLE...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
SURPRISE AND DELIGHT CHANGE THE HARD FACE OF IVAR DOMANN...
SO? THAT IS THE VERY SAME POSE HAL JORDAN ASSUMED WHEN HE CAME INTO THE DRESSING ROOM! NOW I KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING! GET THE TAPE WE MADE ON THAT!
AT THE MASTER SPY'S SUGGESTION, A "POWER BATTERY" IS QUICKLY PAINTED IN ON THE TAPE...
AHA! IT IS THE SAME! BUT TO MAKE DOUBLY SURE--WE MUST COMPARE THEIR POSES SIDE BY SIDE!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, HUMAN EYES SEE HAL JORDAN AND GREEN LANTERN CHARGING THE POWER RING AT THE SAME TIME...
THERE IS NO DOUBT OF IT! HAL JORDAN, TEST PILOT--IS ALSO GREEN LANTERN!
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING! WE NO LONGER NEED THE PLANS FOR THE X-50! INSTEAD--WE WILL STEAL THE POWER RING OF THE FAMOUS GREEN LANTERN! IT SHALL BE OUR SECRET WEAPON!
"AND WHAT A WEAPON IT SHALL BE! NO FLYING MISSILE WILL BE ABLE TO CROSS OUR BORDERS! WE SHALL DESTROY THEM FROM FAR AWAY!..."
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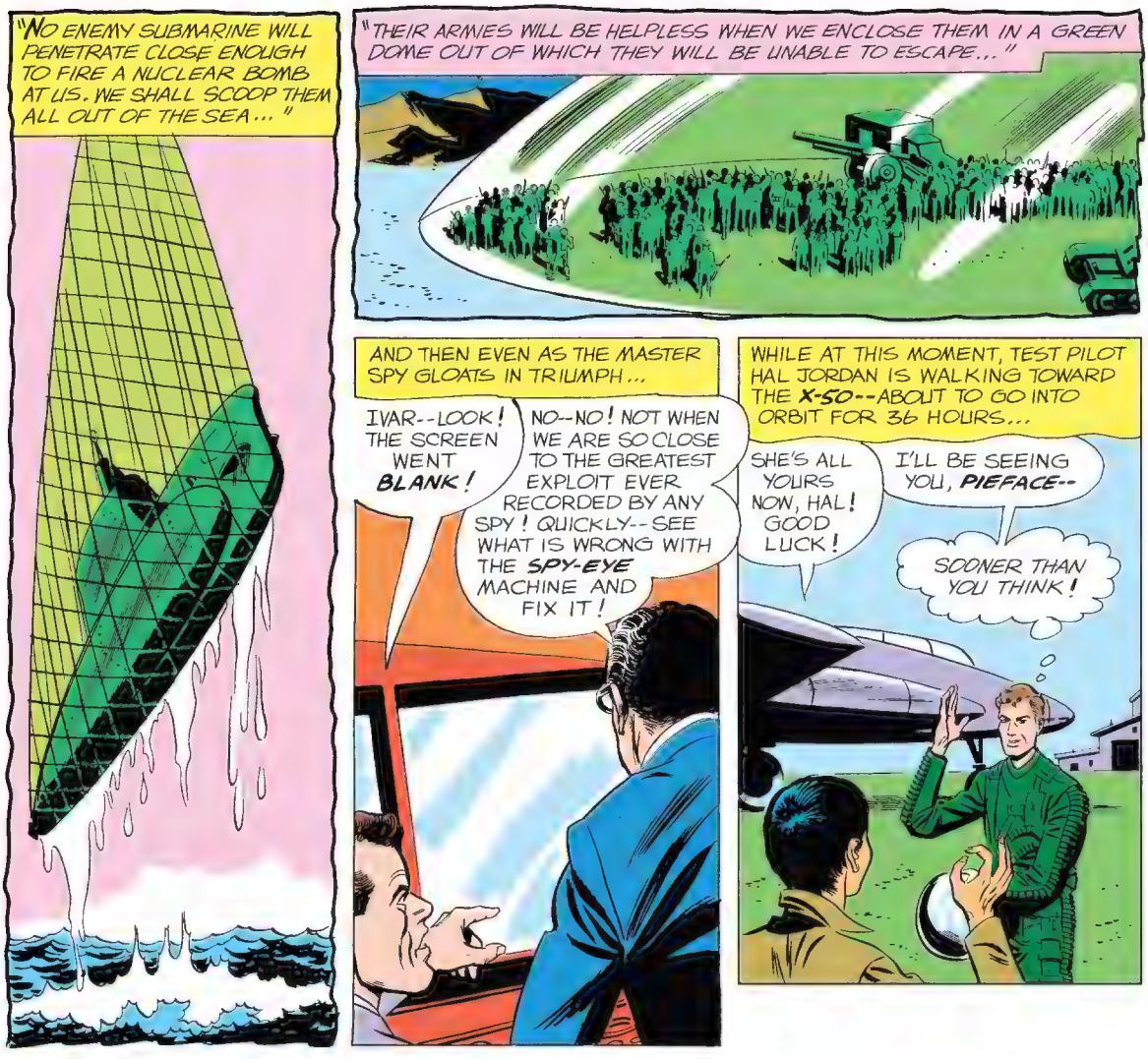
"NO ENEMY SUBMARINE WILL PENETRATE CLOSE ENOUGH TO FIRE A NUCLEAR BOMB AT US. WE SHALL SCOOP THEM ALL OUT OF THE SEA..."
"THEIR ARMIES WILL BE HELPLESS WHEN WE ENCLOSE THEM IN A GREEN DOME OUT OF WHICH THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO ESCAPE..."
AND THEN EVEN AS THE MASTER SPY GLOATS IN TRIUMPH...
IVAR--LOOK! THE SCREEN WENT BLANK!
NO--NO! NOT WHEN WE ARE SO CLOSE TO THE GREATEST EXPLOIT EVER RECORDED BY ANY SPY! QUICKLY--SEE WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE SPY-EYE MACHINE AND FIX IT!
WHILE AT THIS MOMENT, TEST PILOT HAL JORDAN IS WALKING TOWARD THE X-50--ABOUT TO GO INTO ORBIT FOR 36 HOURS...
SHE'S ALL YOURS NOW, HAL! GOOD LUCK!
I'LL BE SEEING YOU, PIEFACE--
SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

The SPY-EYE THAT DOOMED GREEN LANTERN! PART 3
TAKING OFF ATTACHED TO THE UNDER-SIDE OF A MIGHTY BOMBER, THE SMALLER X-50 STREAKS AHEAD OF THE GIANT MOTHER SHIP, BEGINNING ITS ACCELERATING CLIMB INTO ORBIT ABOUT THE EARTH. AT THE CONTROLS IS HAL (GREEN LANTERN) JORDAN, AWARE THAT HIS EVERY MOVE IS BEING WATCHED BY ENEMY EYES...
WE GOT THE MACHINE WORKING AGAIN--
WE HAVE PICKED UP THE X-50 WITH HAL JORDAN--OR GREEN LANTERN--INSIDE IT! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT 36 HOURS UNTIL HE LANDS AND WE WILL MAKE HIM OUR PRISONER!
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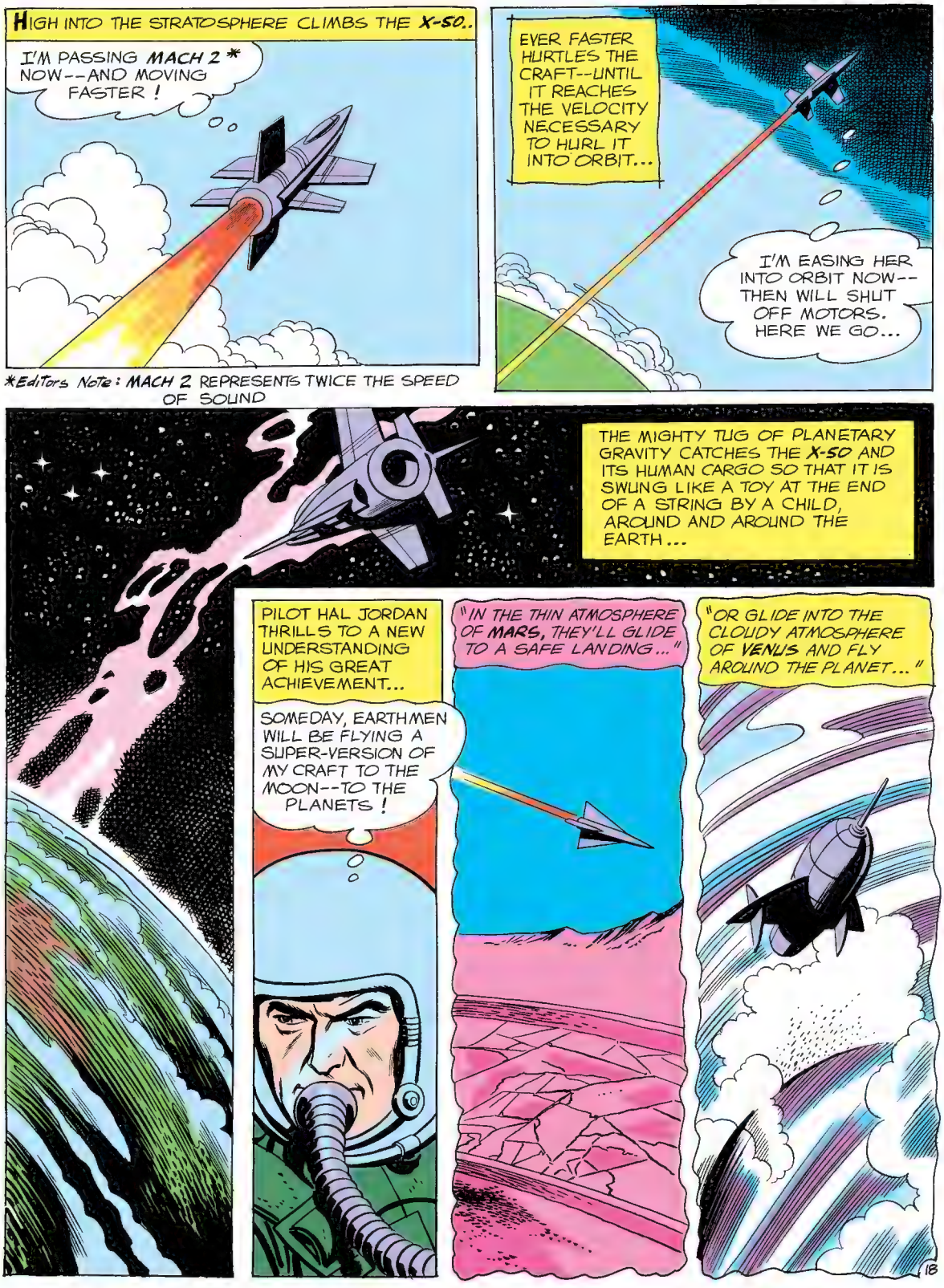
HIGH INTO THE STRATOSPHERE CLIMBS THE X-50..
I'M PASSING MACH 2 * NOW--AND MOVING FASTER !
EVER FASTER HURTLES THE CRAFT--UNTIL IT REACHES THE VELOCITY NECESSARY TO HURL IT INTO ORBIT...
I'M EASING HER INTO ORBIT NOW--THEN WILL SHUT OFF MOTORS. HERE WE GO...
*Editors Note: MACH 2 REPRESENTS TWICE THE SPEED OF SOUND
THE MIGHTY TUG OF PLANETARY GRAVITY CATCHES THE X-50 AND ITS HUMAN CARGO SO THAT IT IS SWUNG LIKE A TOY AT THE END OF A STRING BY A CHILD, AROUND AND AROUND THE EARTH...
PILOT HAL JORDAN THRILLS TO A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF HIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT...
SOMEDAY, EARTHMEN WILL BE FLYING A SUPER-VERSION OF MY CRAFT TO THE MOON--TO THE PLANETS !
"IN THE THIN ATMOSPHERE OF MARS, THEY'LL GLIDE TO A SAFE LANDING..."
"OR GLIDE INTO THE CLOUDY ATMOSPHERE OF VENUS AND FLY AROUND THE PLANET..."
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FOR 36 HOURS, THE X-50 CONTINUES TO CIRCUM-NAVIGATE THE PLANET, THEN JETS FREE OF ITS ORBITAL PATH AND MAKES A "ROLLER-COASTER GLIDE" TOWARD THE LANDING STRIPS OF THE FERRIS AIR-CRAFT FACTORY...
HE HAS BEEN IN THE PLANE LONG ENOUGH FOR HIS RING TO BE EXHAUSTED OF POWER!
HE WILL BE POWERLESS TO RESIST US!
IS EVERY-THING READY?
TWO OF OUR MEN ARE TAKING CARE OF THE DETAILS RIGHT NOW! WHEN HE LANDS, IT WILL BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO CAPTURE HIM!
MOMENTS LATER, EAGER HANDS ASSIST HAL JORDAN FROM THE ORBITAL PLANE...
CONGRATULATIONS, JORDAN! WITH YOU AT THE CONTROLS, THE X-50 PERFORMED PERFECTLY!
AIR FORCE MEDICOS RUSH FORWARD TO TAKE COMMAND...
WE'LL GET YOU TO A BASE HOSPITAL FOR A MEDICAL CHECK-UP!
AN IMPETUOUS CAROL FERRIS FORGETS HERSELF LONG ENOUGH TO...
HAL--YOU WERE MARVELOUS! AND THE MOMENT YOU'RE FREE, I WANT YOU TO COME OVER FOR DINNER--
MMM--YOU'VE ALREADY GIVEN ME AN APPETIZER WITH THAT KISS, CAROL!
THEN HAL IS PUSHED INTO AN AMBULANCE...
WE'LL HAVE YOU IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL IN JIG TIME, SIR!
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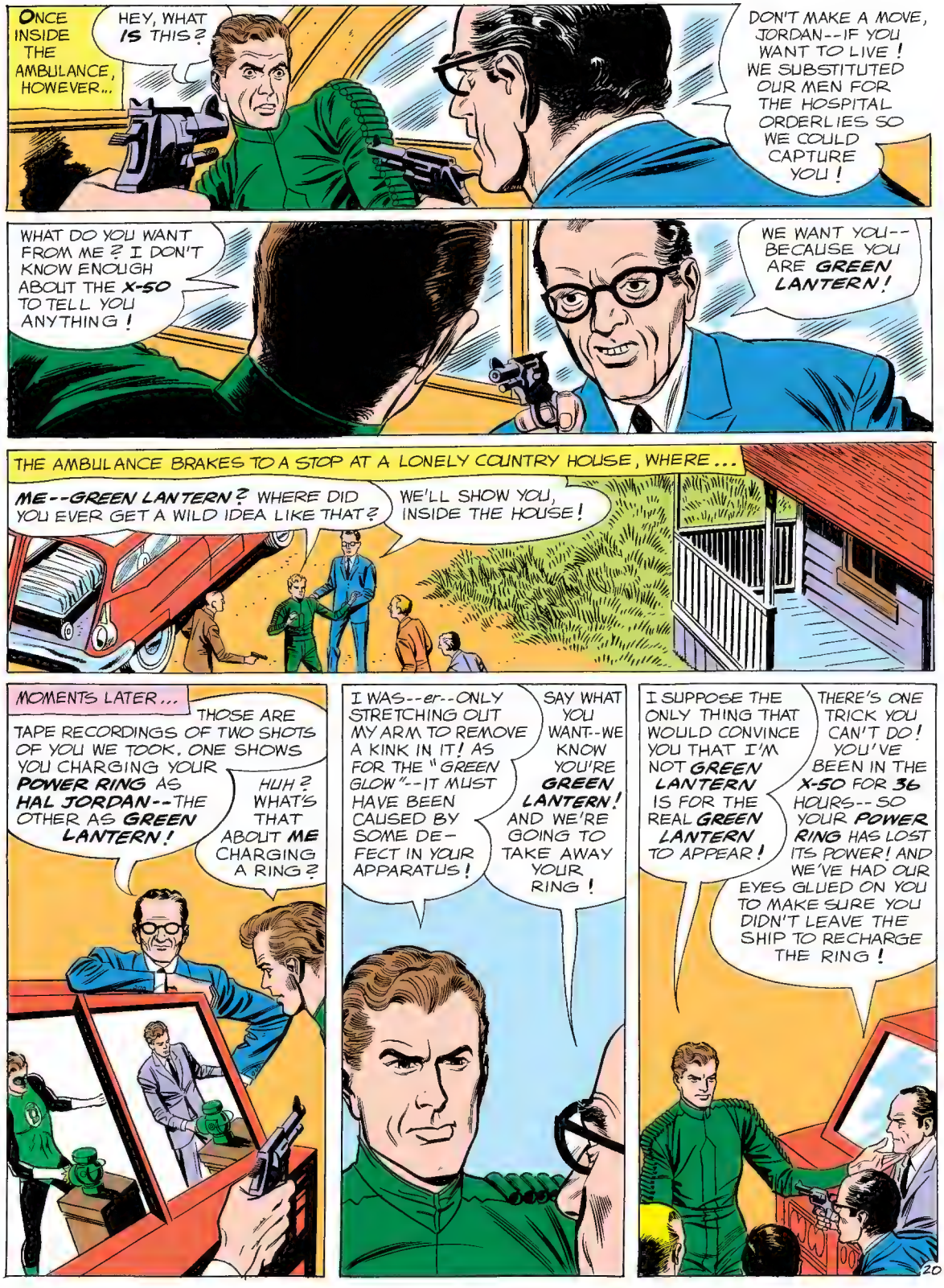
ONCE INSIDE THE AMBULANCE, HOWEVER...
HEY, WHAT IS THIS?
DON'T MAKE A MOVE, JORDAN--IF YOU WANT TO LIVE! WE SUBSTITUTED OUR MEN FOR THE HOSPITAL ORDERLIES SO WE COULD CAPTURE YOU!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE X-50 TO TELL YOU ANYTHING!
WE WANT YOU--BECAUSE YOU ARE GREEN LANTERN!
THE AMBULANCE BRAKES TO A STOP AT A LONELY COUNTRY HOUSE, WHERE...
ME--GREEN LANTERN? WHERE DID YOU EVER GET A WILD IDEA LIKE THAT?
WE'LL SHOW YOU, INSIDE THE HOUSE!
MOMENTS LATER...
THOSE ARE TAPE RECORDINGS OF TWO SHOTS OF YOU WE TOOK. ONE SHOWS YOU CHARGING YOUR POWER RING AS HAL JORDAN--THE OTHER AS GREEN LANTERN!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ME CHARGING A RING?
I WAS--er--ONLY STRETCHING OUT MY ARM TO REMOVE A KINK IN IT! AS FOR THE "GREEN GLOW"--IT MUST HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY SOME DE-FECT IN YOUR APPARATUS!
SAY WHAT YOU WANT--WE KNOW YOU'RE GREEN LANTERN! AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE AWAY YOUR RING!
I SUPPOSE THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD CONVINCE YOU THAT I'M NOT GREEN LANTERN IS FOR THE REAL GREEN LANTERN TO APPEAR!
THERE'S ONE TRICK YOU CAN'T DO! YOU'VE BEEN IN THE X-50 FOR 36 HOURS--SO YOUR POWER RING HAS LOST ITS POWER! AND WE'VE HAD OUR EYES GLUED ON YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU DIDN'T LEAVE THE SHIP TO RECHARGE THE RING!
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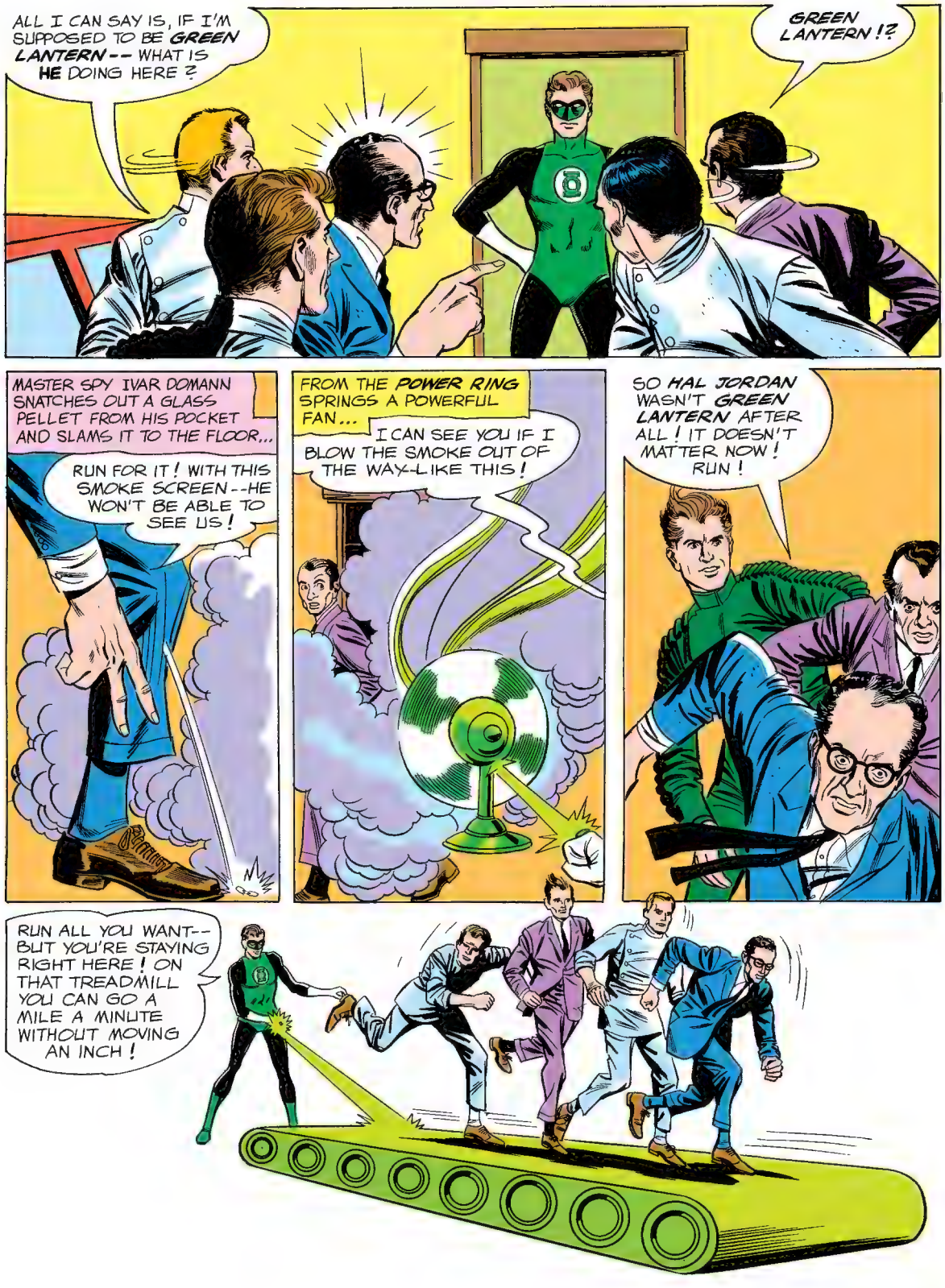
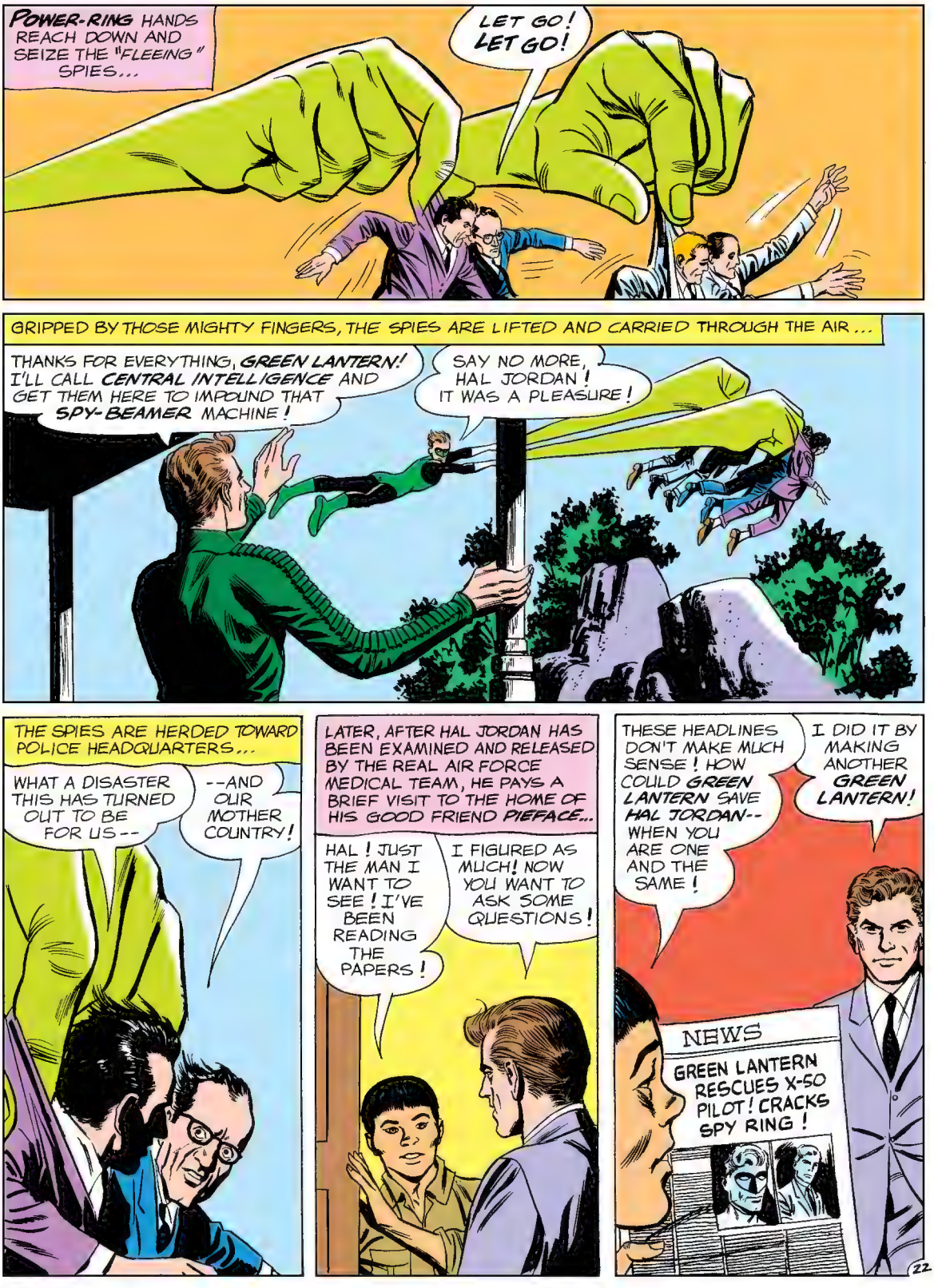

ALL I CAN SAY IS, IF I'M SUPPOSED TO BE GREEN LANTERN -- WHAT IS HE DOING HERE ?
GREEN LANTERN !?
MASTER SPY IVAR DOMANN SNATCHES OUT A GLASS PELLET FROM HIS POCKET AND SLAMS IT TO THE FLOOR...
RUN FOR IT ! WITH THIS SMOKE SCREEN -- HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE US !
FROM THE POWER RING SPRINGS A POWERFUL FAN...
I CAN SEE YOU IF I BLOW THE SMOKE OUT OF THE WAY-LIKE THIS !
SO HAL JORDAN WASN'T GREEN LANTERN AFTER ALL ! IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW ! RUN !
RUN ALL YOU WANT -- BUT YOU'RE STAYING RIGHT HERE ! ON THAT TREADMILL YOU CAN GO A MILE A MINUTE WITHOUT MOVING AN INCH !


POWER-RING HANDS REACH DOWN AND SEIZE THE "FLEEING" SPIES...
LET GO! LET GO!
GRIPPED BY THOSE MIGHTY FINGERS, THE SPIES ARE LIFTED AND CARRIED THROUGH THE AIR...
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, GREEN LANTERN! I'LL CALL CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AND GET THEM HERE TO IMPOUND THAT SPY-BEAMER MACHINE!
SAY NO MORE, HAL JORDAN! IT WAS A PLEASURE!
THE SPIES ARE HERDED TOWARD POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT A DISASTER THIS HAS TURNED OUT TO BE FOR US--
--AND OUR MOTHER COUNTRY!
LATER, AFTER HAL JORDAN HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND RELEASED BY THE REAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL TEAM, HE PAYS A BRIEF VISIT TO THE HOME OF HIS GOOD FRIEND PIEFACE...
HAL! JUST THE MAN I WANT TO SEE! I'VE BEEN READING THE PAPERS!
I FIGURED AS MUCH! NOW YOU WANT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS!
THESE HEADLINES DON'T MAKE MUCH SENSE! HOW COULD GREEN LANTERN SAVE HAL JORDAN-- WHEN YOU ARE ONE AND THE SAME!
I DID IT BY MAKING ANOTHER GREEN LANTERN!
NEWS
GREEN LANTERN RESCUES X-50 PILOT! CRACKS SPY RING!
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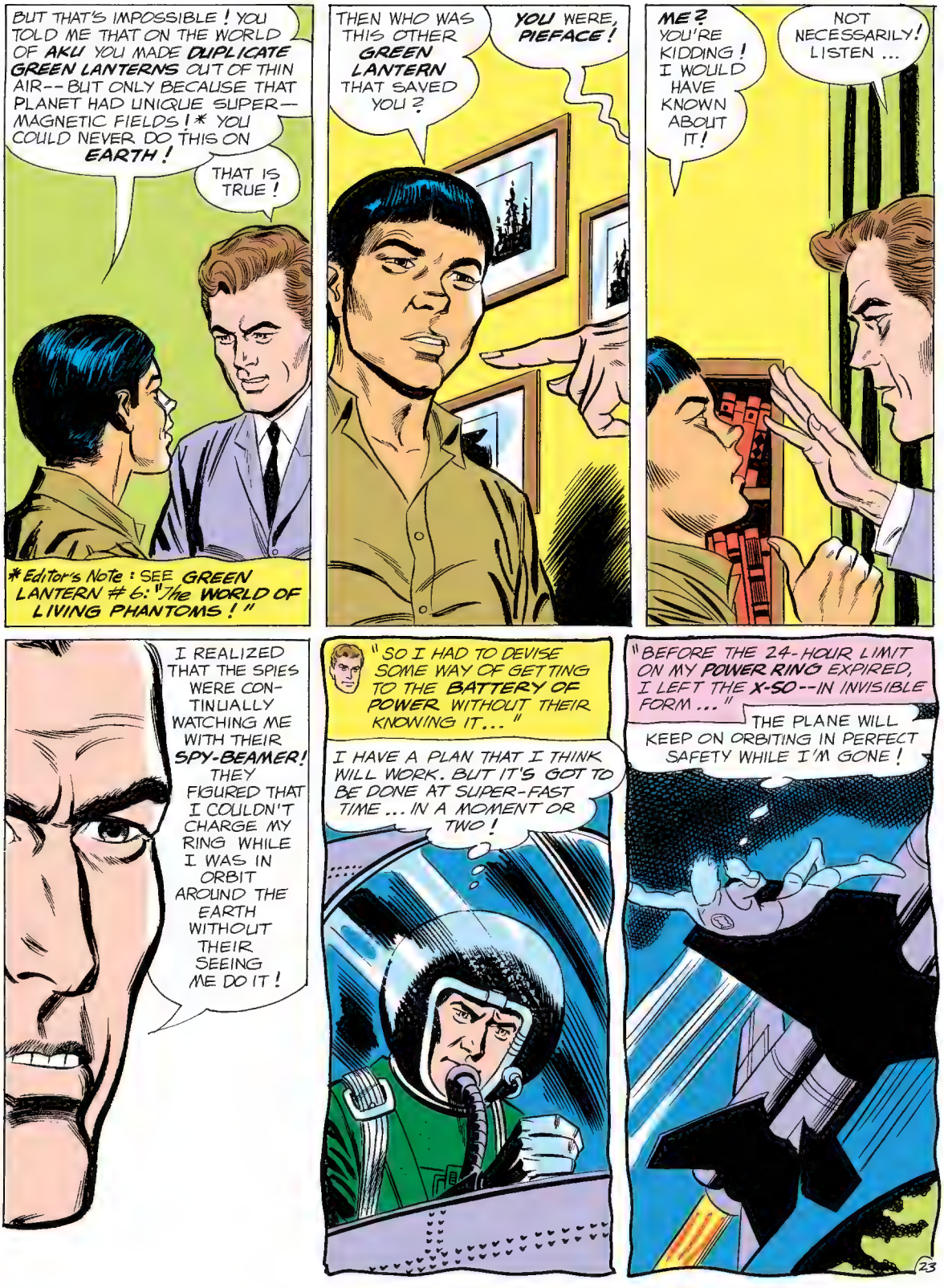
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU TOLD ME THAT ON THE WORLD OF AKU YOU MADE DUPLICATE GREEN LANTERNS OUT OF THIN AIR--BUT ONLY BECAUSE THAT PLANET HAD UNIQUE SUPER-MAGNETIC FIELDS!* YOU COULD NEVER DO THIS ON EARTH!
THAT IS TRUE!
*Editor's Note: SEE GREEN LANTERN #6: "The WORLD OF LIVING PHANTOMS!"
THEN WHO WAS THIS OTHER GREEN LANTERN THAT SAVED YOU?
YOU WERE, PIEFACE!
ME? YOU'RE KIDDING! I WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT!
NOT NECESSARILY! LISTEN ...
I REALIZED THAT THE SPIES WERE CONTINUALLY WATCHING ME WITH THEIR SPY-BEAMER! THEY FIGURED THAT I COULDN'T CHARGE MY RING WHILE I WAS IN ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH WITHOUT THEIR SEEING ME DO IT!
"SO I HAD TO DEVISE SOME WAY OF GETTING TO THE BATTERY OF POWER WITHOUT THEIR KNOWING IT..."
I HAVE A PLAN THAT I THINK WILL WORK. BUT IT'S GOT TO BE DONE AT SUPER-FAST TIME ... IN A MOMENT OR TWO!
"BEFORE THE 24-HOUR LIMIT ON MY POWER RING EXPIRED, I LEFT THE X-SO--IN INVISIBLE FORM..."
THE PLANE WILL KEEP ON ORBITING IN PERFECT SAFETY WHILE I'M GONE!
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"A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, WHILE STILL INVISIBLE, I WAS IN THE HANGAR DRESSING ROOM, CHARGING MY RING TO THE BATTERY OF POWER ... "
"THE NEXT INSTANT I WAS IN YOUR ROOM WHILE YOU WERE LISTENING TO THE RADIO REPORTS ON THE ORBITING X-50... "
PIEFACE, I ORDER YOU TO BECOME GREEN LANTERN AS YOU DID ONCE BEFORE *--AND COME TO ME WHEN I SUMMON YOU--FOLLOW MY TELEPATHIC COMMANDS...
*Editor's Note: SEE GREEN LANTERN #5: "The POWER RING THAT VANISHED!"
"THEN I RETURNED TO THE X-50 TO RESUME MY OTHER IDENTITY AS HAL JORDAN, TEST PILOT, AND WAIT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ... "
IN THE COUPLE OF SECONDS I WAS GONE, THE SPY-SCREEN WENT BLANK! I'M COUNTING ON THE SPIES THINKING THERE WAS A MOMENTARY DISTURBANCE ON THEIR SCREEN...
YOU DON'T REMEMBER COMING TO MY RESCUE BECAUSE YOU WERE SO EXHAUSTED FROM YOUR LONG VIGIL AT THE RADIO, FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE X-50 TO ITS SAFE LANDING--YOU HAD FALLEN INTO A DEEP SLUMBER.
HOW ABOUT THAT! ME--A SLEEP—WALKING GREEN LANTERN! I MISSED ALL THE EXCITEMENT! IT WAS YOU SECRETLY MAKING ME CAPTURE THOSE SPIES!
ONE MORE THING! HOW COULD YOU BE SO SURE THE SPIES WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU ON THEIR SPY-BEAM IN YOUR INVISIBLE FORM?
FROM WHAT YOU KNOW OF THE STORY--YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO FIGURE THAT ONE OUT FOR YOURSELF!
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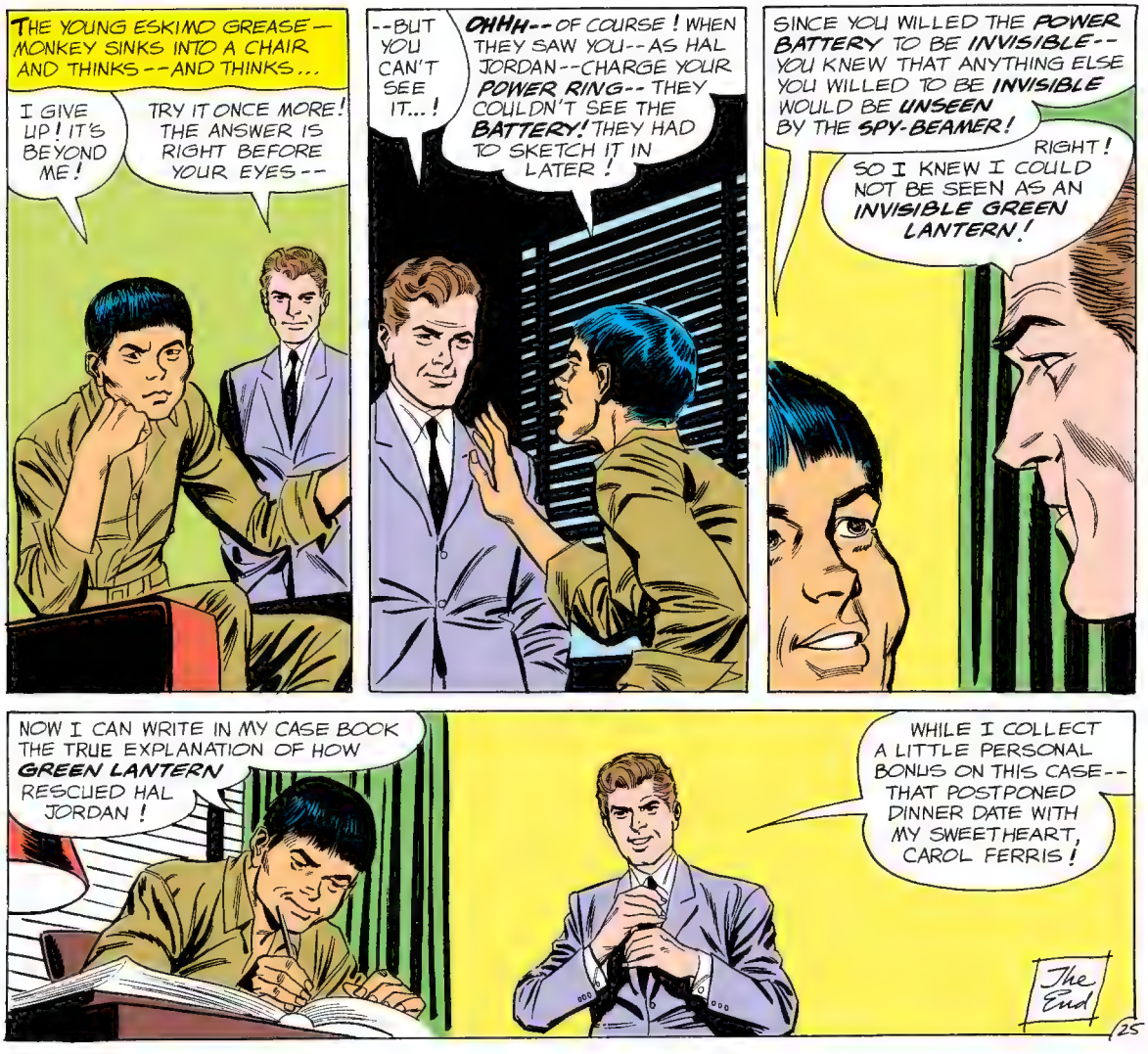
THE YOUNG ESKIMO GREASE-MONKEY SINKS INTO A CHAIR AND THINKS--AND THINKS...
I GIVE UP! IT'S BEYOND ME!
TRY IT ONCE MORE! THE ANSWER IS RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES--
--BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT...!
OHHH--OF COURSE! WHEN THEY SAW YOU--AS HAL JORDAN--CHARGE YOUR POWER RING-- THEY COULDN'T SEE THE BATTERY! THEY HAD TO SKETCH IT IN LATER!
SINCE YOU WILLED THE POWER BATTERY TO BE INVISIBLE-- YOU KNEW THAT ANYTHING ELSE YOU WILLED TO BE INVISIBLE WOULD BE UNSEEN BY THE SPY-BEAMER!
RIGHT! SO I KNEW I COULD NOT BE SEEN AS AN INVISIBLE GREEN LANTERN!
NOW I CAN WRITE IN MY CASE BOOK THE TRUE EXPLANATION OF HOW GREEN LANTERN RESCUED HAL JORDAN!
WHILE I COLLECT A LITTLE PERSONAL BONUS ON THIS CASE-- THAT POSTPONED DINNER DATE WITH MY SWEETHEART, CAROL FERRIS!
The End
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I'LL NEVER WEAR MY POWER RING AGAIN! IT'S BEEN A CURSE TO ME!
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GREEN LANTERN
I'VE GOT TO DEFEAT SINESTRO! HE'S THE ONLY ONE HERE IN THE UNIVERSE OF QWARD CAPABLE OF PREVENTING ME FROM RETURNING TO EARTH-- WHERE PIEFACE AND CAROL ARE IN DIRE DANGER!
CANDIDATE
GYPO-BAX 96
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BACK ON EARTH, THE TWO PEOPLE CLOSEST TO GREEN LANTERN--HIS GREASEMONKEY CHUM, PIEFACE, AND CAROL FERRIS --FACED UTTER EXTINCTION UNLESS THE EMERALD GLADIATOR COULD GET TO THEM IN TIME!
BUT HOW COULD HE DO THAT WHEN HIS NUMBER ONE ENEMY, SINESTRO--THE RENEGADE GREEN LANTERN-- WAS DETERMINED TO TRAP HIM FOREVER ON QWARD?
THIS WAS THE DILEMMA WHICH THE COURAGEOUS CRUSADER FACED BOLDLY AS EVER, IN --
The WORLD OF PERILOUS TRAPS!

AS GREEN LANTERN RECOUNTS HIS MOST RECENT ADVENTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS FRIEND AND BIOGRAPHER, PIEFACE...
...AND HERE'S SOMETHING YOU'LL PARTICULARLY WANT TO NOTE DOWN IN YOUR "CASEBOOK OF GREEN LANTERN," PIE!
WHAT'S THAT, GL?
"WELL AS I SAY, I WAS IN ACTION AGAINST THESE SUBHUMANS ON KYRBA, A PLANET OF A NEIGHBORING STAR-SYSTEM..."
THESE CREATURES ARE THREATENING THE HUMAN LIFE ON THIS WORLD!
"POWERFUL AS MY ADVERSARIES WERE, THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR MY GREEN BEAM..."
THE GUARDIANS*--WHO SENT ME ON THIS MISSION--WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR I'VE MANAGED TO CLEAN UP THIS TROUBLE SPOT WITHOUT DELAY!
*Editor's Note: THE GUARDIANS, ALL-POWERFUL BEINGS WHO ARE THE SOURCE OF GL'S RING AND POWER BATTERY!
"BUT THEN, JUST AS I WAS DISPOSING OF MY LAST, LONE FOE..."
eh? IS MY AIM THAT BAD? I'VE MISSED HIM BY A COUNTRY MILE!
I FINISHED MY ANTAGONIST WITH THE NEXT SHOT! BUT THE WAY I MISSED HAS SORT OF STUCK IN MY MIND, PIE! I CAN'T SEEM TO FORGET IT...
Hmmm...
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THAT REMINDS ME! THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SHOW YOU, GL--!
HOLD IT, PIE!
BUT THIS IS IMPORTANT! IT--UHH--
WILL YOU HOLD IT? I'M TRYING TO THINK!
THEN...
GREAT GUARDIANS! WHAT HAVE I DONE!?
PIE, SPEAK TO ME! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HE CAN'T MOVE OR TALK! SOMEHOW I--I'VE PARALYZED HIM WITH MY RING IN A MOMENT OF ANNOYANCE!
HORRIFIED AT HIS OWN ACTION, THE GREEN GLADIATOR AT ONCE SEEKS TO RECTIFY IT...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! FOR SOME REASON MY POWER RING WON'T BRING PIE OUT OF HIS TRANCE!
AFTER MANY ATTEMPTS HAVE FAILED...
IT'S INCREDIBLE! MY RING SEEMED FOR AN INSTANT TO ESCAPE MY CONTROL--LIKE A BURST OF TEMPER! AND IT PARALYZED PIE!
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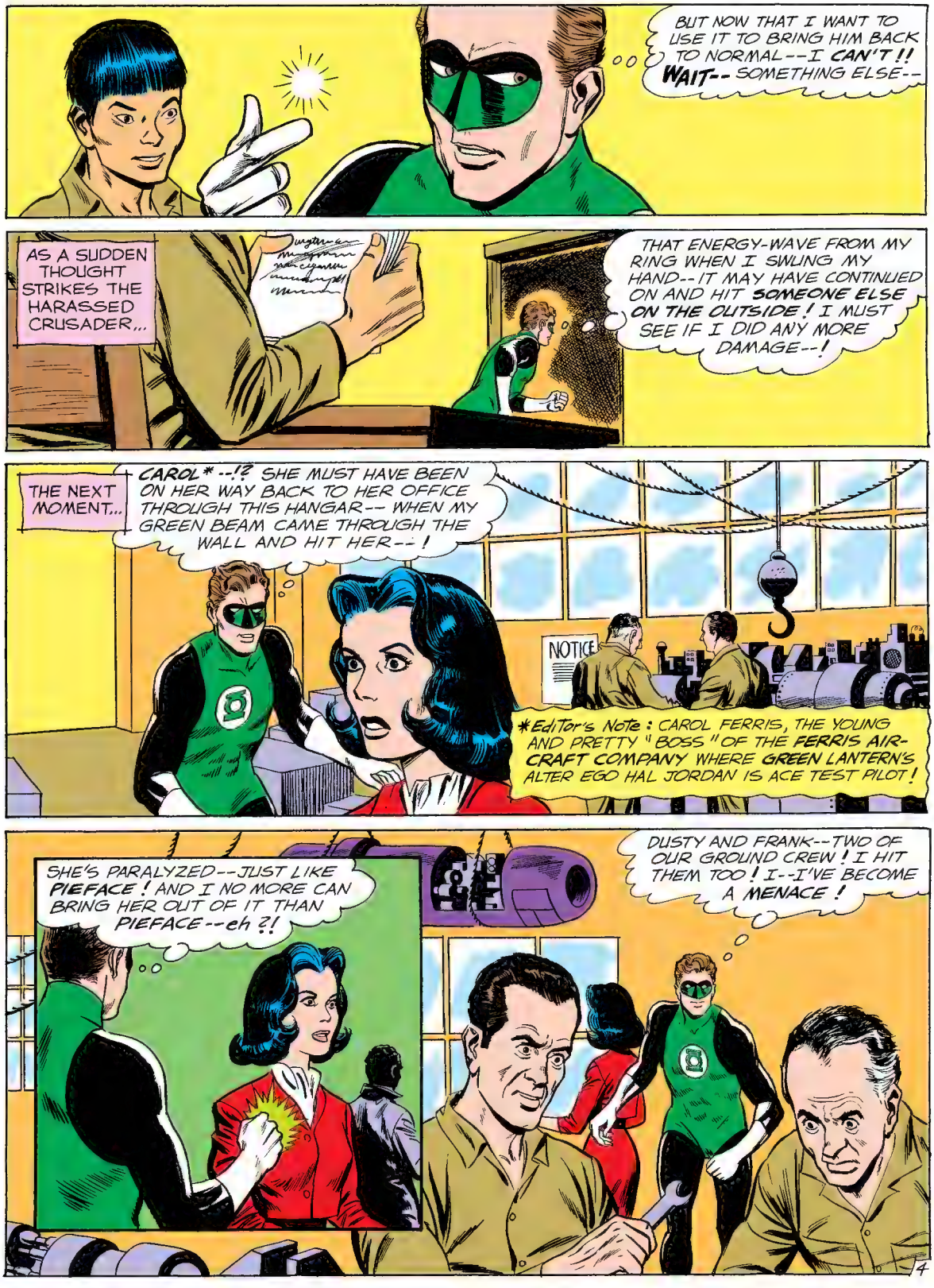
BUT NOW THAT I WANT TO USE IT TO BRING HIM BACK TO NORMAL--I CAN'T!! WAIT-- SOMETHING ELSE--
AS A SUDDEN THOUGHT STRIKES THE HARASSED CRUSADER...
THAT ENERGY-WAVE FROM MY RING WHEN I SWUNG MY HAND--IT MAY HAVE CONTINUED ON AND HIT SOMEONE ELSE ON THE OUTSIDE! I MUST SEE IF I DID ANY MORE DAMAGE--!
THE NEXT MOMENT...
CAROL* --!? SHE MUST HAVE BEEN ON HER WAY BACK TO HER OFFICE THROUGH THIS HANGAR-- WHEN MY GREEN BEAM CAME THROUGH THE WALL AND HIT HER--!
NOTICE
*EDITOR'S NOTE: CAROL FERRIS, THE YOUNG AND PRETTY "BOSS" OF THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY WHERE GREEN LANTERN'S ALTER EGO HAL JORDAN IS ACE TEST PILOT!
SHE'S PARALYZED--JUST LIKE PIEFACE! AND I NO MORE CAN BRING HER OUT OF IT THAN PIEFACE--eh?!
DUSTY AND FRANK--TWO OF OUR GROUND CREW! I HIT THEM TOO! I--I'VE BECOME A MENACE!
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MY RING HAS BEGUN TO ACT AS IF--AS IF IT HAD A WILL OF ITS OWN! SOMETHING'S COME OVER IT--!
I DON'T WANT IT ON MY HAND ANYMORE! PIE AND CAROL MAY BE PARALYZED FOREVER ON ACCOUNT OF IT!
HA HA HA HA HA
THEN, INCREDIBLY...
I'LL NEVER WEAR MY POWER RING AGAIN! IT'S BEEN A CURSE TO ME!
HA HA! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT, GREEN LANTERN!
SINESTRO--THE RENAGADE GREEN LANTERN! HERE--IN DEFIANCE OF THE GUARDIANS' DIRE WARNING--!?
NOT IN PERSON--MERELY AN ENERGO-PROJECTION OF ME! I'M NOT READY TO TAKE ON THE GUARDIANS JUST YET--
BUT NOW THAT I'VE FINALLY STRIPPED YOU OF YOUR POWER RING, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE'RE REALLY MEETING FACE TO FACE!
MY RING! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN IT OFF--!
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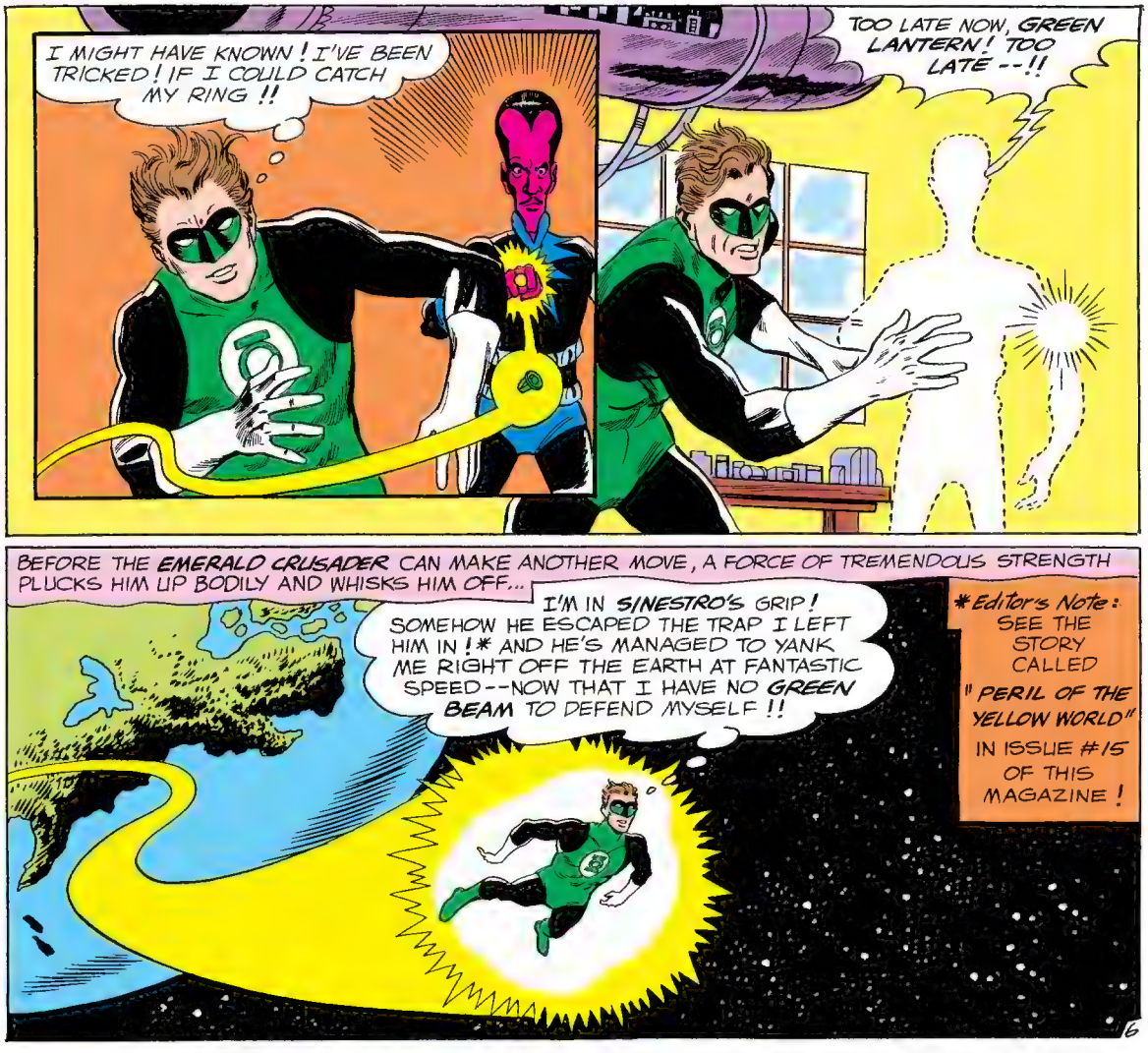
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN! I'VE BEEN TRICKED! IF I COULD CATCH MY RING!!
TOO LATE NOW, GREEN LANTERN! TOO LATE--!!
BEFORE THE EMERALD CRUSADER CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, A FORCE OF TREMENDOUS STRENGTH PLUCKS HIM UP BODILY AND WHISKS HIM OFF...
I'M IN SINESTRO'S GRIP! SOMEHOW HE ESCAPED THE TRAP I LEFT HIM IN!* AND HE'S MANAGED TO YANK ME RIGHT OFF THE EARTH AT FANTASTIC SPEED--NOW THAT I HAVE NO GREEN BEAM TO DEFEND MYSELF!!
*Editor's Note: SEE THE STORY CALLED "PERIL OF THE YELLOW WORLD" IN ISSUE #15 OF THIS MAGAZINE!
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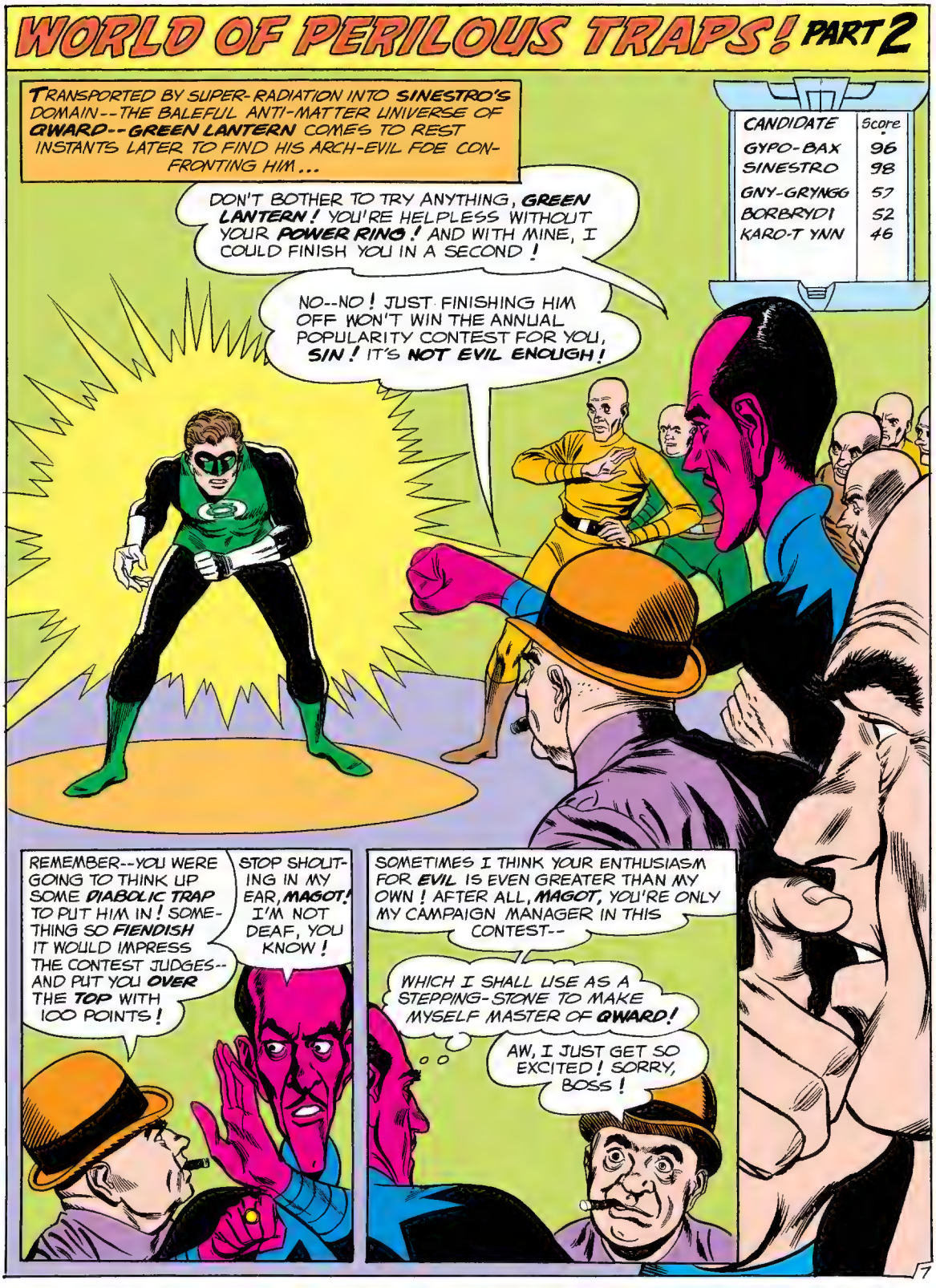
WORLD OF PERILOUS TRAPS! PART 2
TRANSPORTED BY SUPER-RADIATION INTO SINESTRO'S DOMAIN--THE BALEFUL ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE OF QWARD--GREEN LANTERN COMES TO REST INSTANTS LATER TO FIND HIS ARCH-EVIL FOE CONFRONTING HIM...
DON'T BOTHER TO TRY ANYTHING, GREEN LANTERN! YOU'RE HELPLESS WITHOUT YOUR POWER RING! AND WITH MINE, I COULD FINISH YOU IN A SECOND!
NO--NO! JUST FINISHING HIM OFF WON'T WIN THE ANNUAL POPULARITY CONTEST FOR YOU, SIN! IT'S NOT EVIL ENOUGH!
CANDIDATE
Score
GYPO-BAX 96
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REMEMBER--YOU WERE GOING TO THINK UP SOME DIABOLIC TRAP TO PUT HIM IN! SOMETHING SO FIENDISH IT WOULD IMPRESS THE CONTEST JUDGES--AND PUT YOU OVER THE TOP WITH 100 POINTS!
STOP SHOUTING IN MY EAR, MAGOT! I'M NOT DEAF, YOU KNOW!
SOMETIMES I THINK YOUR ENTHUSIASM FOR EVIL IS EVEN GREATER THAN MY OWN! AFTER ALL, MAGOT, YOU'RE ONLY MY CAMPAIGN MANAGER IN THIS CONTEST--
WHICH I SHALL USE AS A STEPPING-STONE TO MAKE MYSELF MASTER OF QWARD!
AW, I JUST GET SO EXCITED! SORRY, BOSS!
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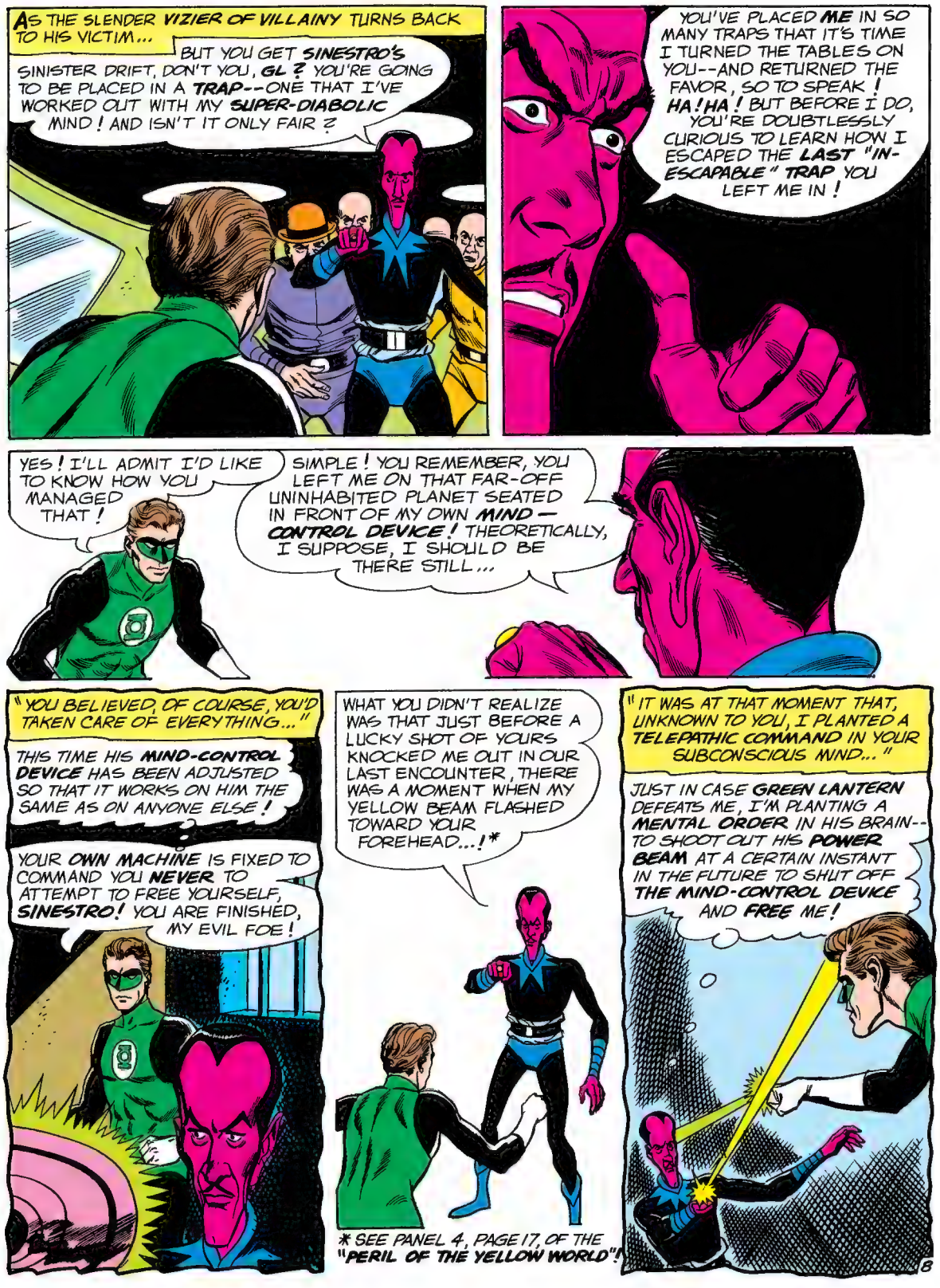
AS THE SLENDER VIZIER OF VILLAINY TURNS BACK TO HIS VICTIM...
BUT YOU GET SINESTRO'S SINISTER DRIFT, DON'T YOU, GL? YOU'RE GOING TO BE PLACED IN A TRAP--ONE THAT I'VE WORKED OUT WITH MY SUPER-DIABOLIC MIND! AND ISN'T IT ONLY FAIR?
YOU'VE PLACED ME IN SO MANY TRAPS THAT IT'S TIME I TURNED THE TABLES ON YOU--AND RETURNED THE FAVOR, SO TO SPEAK! HA! HA! BUT BEFORE I DO, YOU'RE DOUBTLESSLY CURIOUS TO LEARN HOW I ESCAPED THE LAST "INESCAPABLE" TRAP YOU LEFT ME IN!
YES! I'LL ADMIT I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU MANAGED THAT!
SIMPLE! YOU REMEMBER, YOU LEFT ME ON THAT FAR-OFF UNINHABITED PLANET SEATED IN FRONT OF MY OWN MIND—CONTROL DEVICE! THEORETICALLY, I SUPPOSE, I SHOULD BE THERE STILL...
"YOU BELIEVED, OF COURSE, YOU'D TAKEN CARE OF EVERYTHING..."
THIS TIME HIS MIND-CONTROL DEVICE HAS BEEN ADJUSTED SO THAT IT WORKS ON HIM THE SAME AS ON ANYONE ELSE!
YOUR OWN MACHINE IS FIXED TO COMMAND YOU NEVER TO ATTEMPT TO FREE YOURSELF, SINESTRO! YOU ARE FINISHED, MY EVIL FOE!
WHAT YOU DIDN'T REALIZE WAS THAT JUST BEFORE A LUCKY SHOT OF YOURS KNOCKED ME OUT IN OUR LAST ENCOUNTER, THERE WAS A MOMENT WHEN MY YELLOW BEAM FLASHED TOWARD YOUR FOREHEAD...!*
* SEE PANEL 4, PAGE 17, OF THE "PERIL OF THE YELLOW WORLD"!
"IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT, UNKNOWN TO YOU, I PLANTED A TELEPATHIC COMMAND IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND..."
JUST IN CASE GREEN LANTERN DEFEATS ME, I'M PLANTING A MENTAL ORDER IN HIS BRAIN--TO SHOOT OUT HIS POWER BEAM AT A CERTAIN INSTANT IN THE FUTURE TO SHUT OFF THE MIND-CONTROL DEVICE AND FREE ME!
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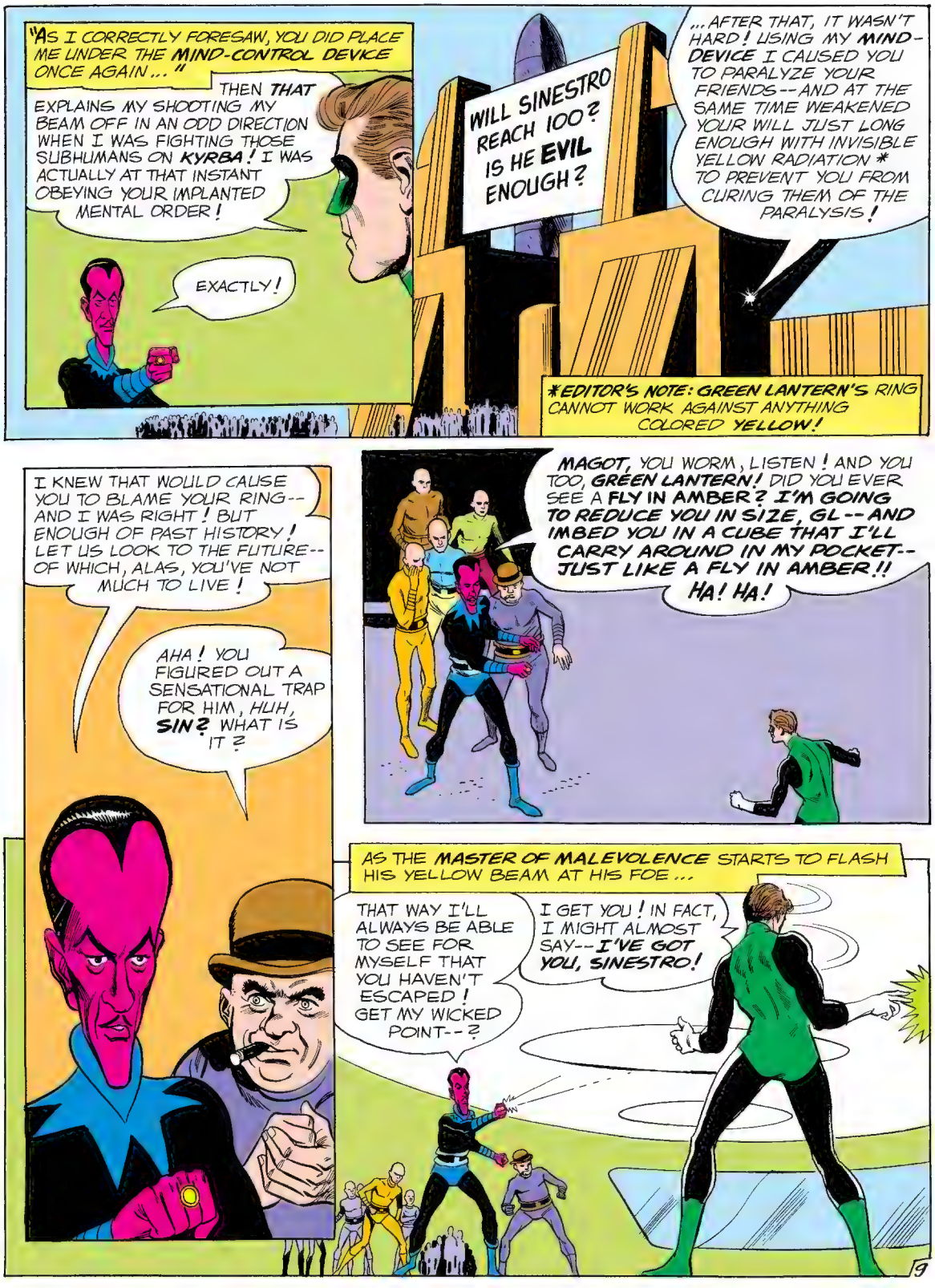
"AS I CORRECTLY FORESAW, YOU DID PLACE ME UNDER THE MIND-CONTROL DEVICE ONCE AGAIN..."
THEN THAT EXPLAINS MY SHOOTING MY BEAM OFF IN AN ODD DIRECTION WHEN I WAS FIGHTING THOSE SUBHUMANS ON KYRBA! I WAS ACTUALLY AT THAT INSTANT OBEYING YOUR IMPLANTED MENTAL ORDER!
EXACTLY!
WILL SINESTRO REACH 100? IS HE EVIL ENOUGH?
...AFTER THAT, IT WASN'T HARD! USING MY MIND-DEVICE I CAUSED YOU TO PARALYZE YOUR FRIENDS--AND AT THE SAME TIME WEAKENED YOUR WILL JUST LONG ENOUGH WITH INVISIBLE YELLOW RADIATION * TO PREVENT YOU FROM CURING THEM OF THE PARALYSIS!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: GREEN LANTERN'S RING CANNOT WORK AGAINST ANYTHING COLORED YELLOW!
I KNEW THAT WOULD CAUSE YOU TO BLAME YOUR RING--AND I WAS RIGHT! BUT ENOUGH OF PAST HISTORY! LET US LOOK TO THE FUTURE--OF WHICH, ALAS, YOU'VE NOT MUCH TO LIVE!
AHA! YOU FIGURED OUT A SENSATIONAL TRAP FOR HIM, HUH, SIN? WHAT IS IT?
MAGOT, YOU WORM, LISTEN! AND YOU TOO, GREEN LANTERN! DID YOU EVER SEE A FLY IN AMBER? I'M GOING TO REDUCE YOU IN SIZE, GL--AND IMBED YOU IN A CUBE THAT I'LL CARRY AROUND IN MY POCKET--JUST LIKE A FLY IN AMBER!! HA! HA!
AS THE MASTER OF MALEVOLENCE STARTS TO FLASH HIS YELLOW BEAM AT HIS FOE...
THAT WAY I'LL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO SEE FOR MYSELF THAT YOU HAVEN'T ESCAPED! GET MY WICKED POINT--?
I GET YOU! IN FACT, I MIGHT ALMOST SAY--I'VE GOT YOU, SINESTRO!
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IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE SOMETHING FLITS TO THE GLADIATOR'S HAND...
GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING--!?!
I WON'T MAKE YOUR FATAL ERROR, SINESTRO-- WHICH IS TO BOAST AND TELL ALL I'M GOING TO DO BEFORE I'VE DONE IT!
AS A SURGING GREEN GLOW FLARES FROM THE EARTHLING...
RUN! HE HAS HIS POWER RING!
SINESTRO AND THESE OTHER QWARDIANS DIDN'T REALIZE...
...THAT BACK ON EARTH I SUSPECTED MY ARCH-FOE SINESTRO WAS BEHIND THE ODD BEHAVIOR OF MY RING! SO I PLAYED ALONG--AND ONLY ACTED AS IF I WERE DISGUSTED WITH IT!
"ACTUALLY, UNNOTICED BY MY SCARLET-VISAGED ENEMY AT THE TIME HE MADE HIS ENERGO-APPEARANCE BACK ON MY WORLD..."
MY RING IS A CURSE...
I'VE USED MY POWER BEAM TO CREATE A DUPLICATE RING THAT I'M THROWING AWAY! AND I'VE MADE MY REAL ONE INVISIBLE--WITH ORDERS TO COME TO ME AT MY COMMAND!
SIN--NOW YOU'LL NEVER REACH 100! YOU'RE LOSING THE CONTEST--!!
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN THINK OF, MAGOT--THE CONTEST? WITH MY LIFE AT STAKE!? OUT OF MY WAY...!
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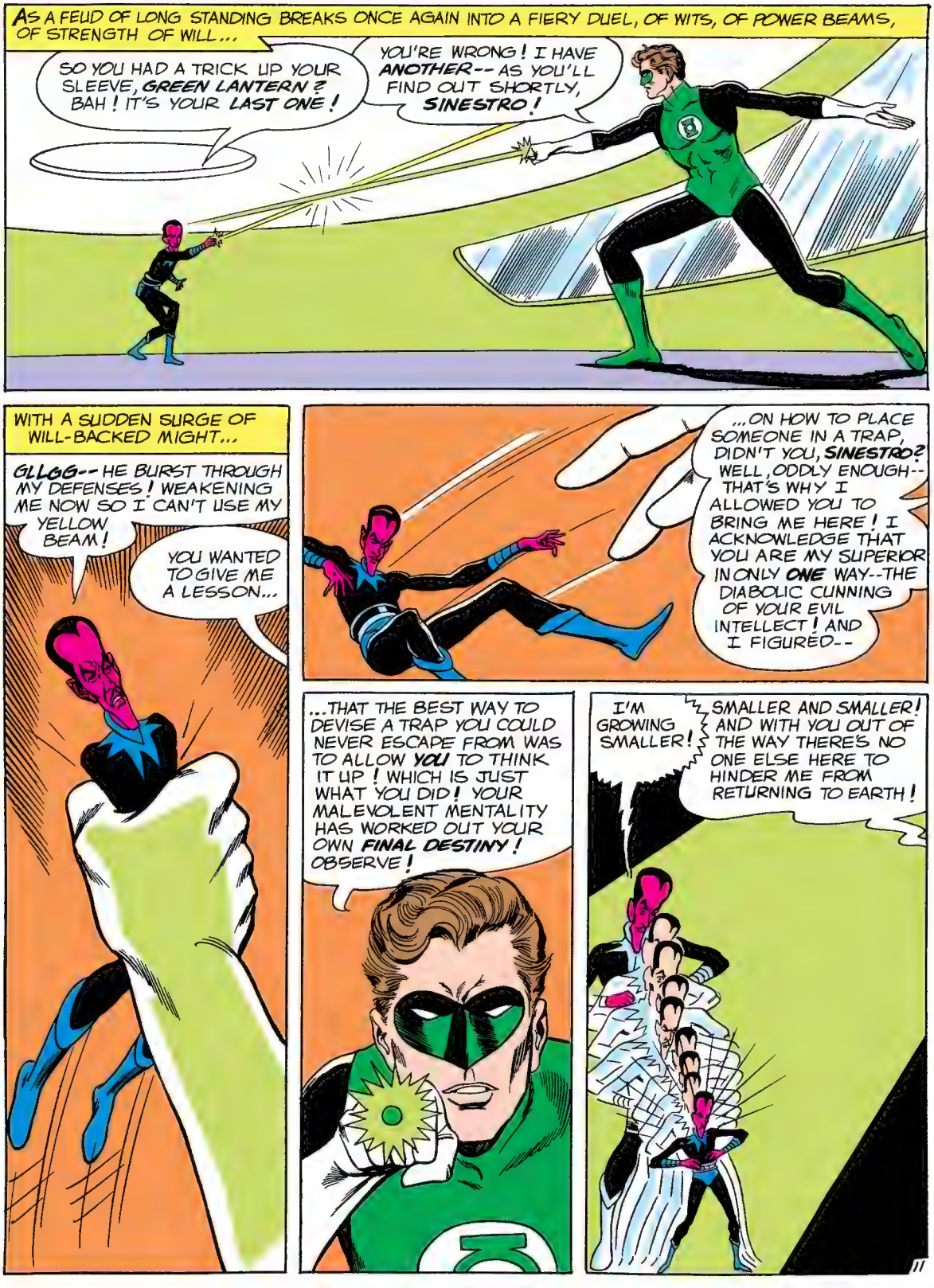
AS A FEUD OF LONG STANDING BREAKS ONCE AGAIN INTO A FIERY DUEL, OF WITS, OF POWER BEAMS, OF STRENGTH OF WILL...
SO YOU HAD A TRICK UP YOUR SLEEVE, GREEN LANTERN? BAH! IT'S YOUR LAST ONE!
YOU'RE WRONG! I HAVE ANOTHER-- AS YOU'LL FIND OUT SHORTLY, SINESTRO!
WITH A SUDDEN SURGE OF WILL-BACKED MIGHT...
GLLGG-- HE BURST THROUGH MY DEFENSES! WEAKENING ME NOW SO I CAN'T USE MY YELLOW BEAM!
YOU WANTED TO GIVE ME A LESSON...
...ON HOW TO PLACE SOMEONE IN A TRAP, DIDN'T YOU, SINESTRO? WELL, ODDLY ENOUGH-- THAT'S WHY I ALLOWED YOU TO BRING ME HERE! I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE MY SUPERIOR IN ONLY ONE WAY--THE DIABOLIC CUNNING OF YOUR EVIL INTELLECT! AND I FIGURED--
...THAT THE BEST WAY TO DEVISE A TRAP YOU COULD NEVER ESCAPE FROM WAS TO ALLOW YOU TO THINK IT UP! WHICH IS JUST WHAT YOU DID! YOUR MALEVOLENT MENTALITY HAS WORKED OUT YOUR OWN FINAL DESTINY! OBSERVE!
I'M GROWING SMALLER!
SMALLER AND SMALLER! AND WITH YOU OUT OF THE WAY THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE TO HINDER ME FROM RETURNING TO EARTH!

SOON AFTER, AS THE MIGHTY POWER BEAM IS PUT TO STILL ANOTHER USE, TO BRING GREEN LANTERN OUT OF THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE...
AH! I ALWAYS BREATHE BETTER IN OUR UNIVERSE! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THE EVIL IN QWARD THAT SUFFOCATES ME AFTER I'VE BEEN THERE LONG ENOUGH! IT'S AS IF IT TAINTS THE VERY AIR!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE NOW IN CURING CAROL, PIEFACE AND THE OTHERS OF THEIR PARALYSIS! SINESTRO HIMSELF GAVE ME THE CLUE--HE IMPLIED THAT THE INVISIBLE YELLOW RADIATION HE THREW AT ME HAD ONLY A TEMPORARY EFFECT! I'LL FIND OUT--
AND SOON...
GOOD! CAROL'S FINE! MY RING MADE HER NORMAL AGAIN! BUT TO PLAY SAFE, I TRANSPORTED HER HERE TO HER HOUSE BEFORE BRINGING HER OUT OF THE TRANCE! I DON'T WANT HER TO CONNECT ME WITH THE AIRFIELD HANGAR--WHERE MY ALTER EGO HAL JORDAN IS COMMONLY SEEN!
GREEN LANTERN!?
WELL, FOR GOODNESS' SAKE! HE FLEW OFF WITHOUT A WORD--AS IF HE WERE IN A TERRIBLE HURRY! SOMETHING ODD... I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER COMING BACK TO THE HOUSE!
AT THE HANGAR, WITH THE OTHERS TOO BROUGHT BACK TO THEMSELVES...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PIE?
I-I'M FINE, GREEN LANTERN! BUT WHAT--?
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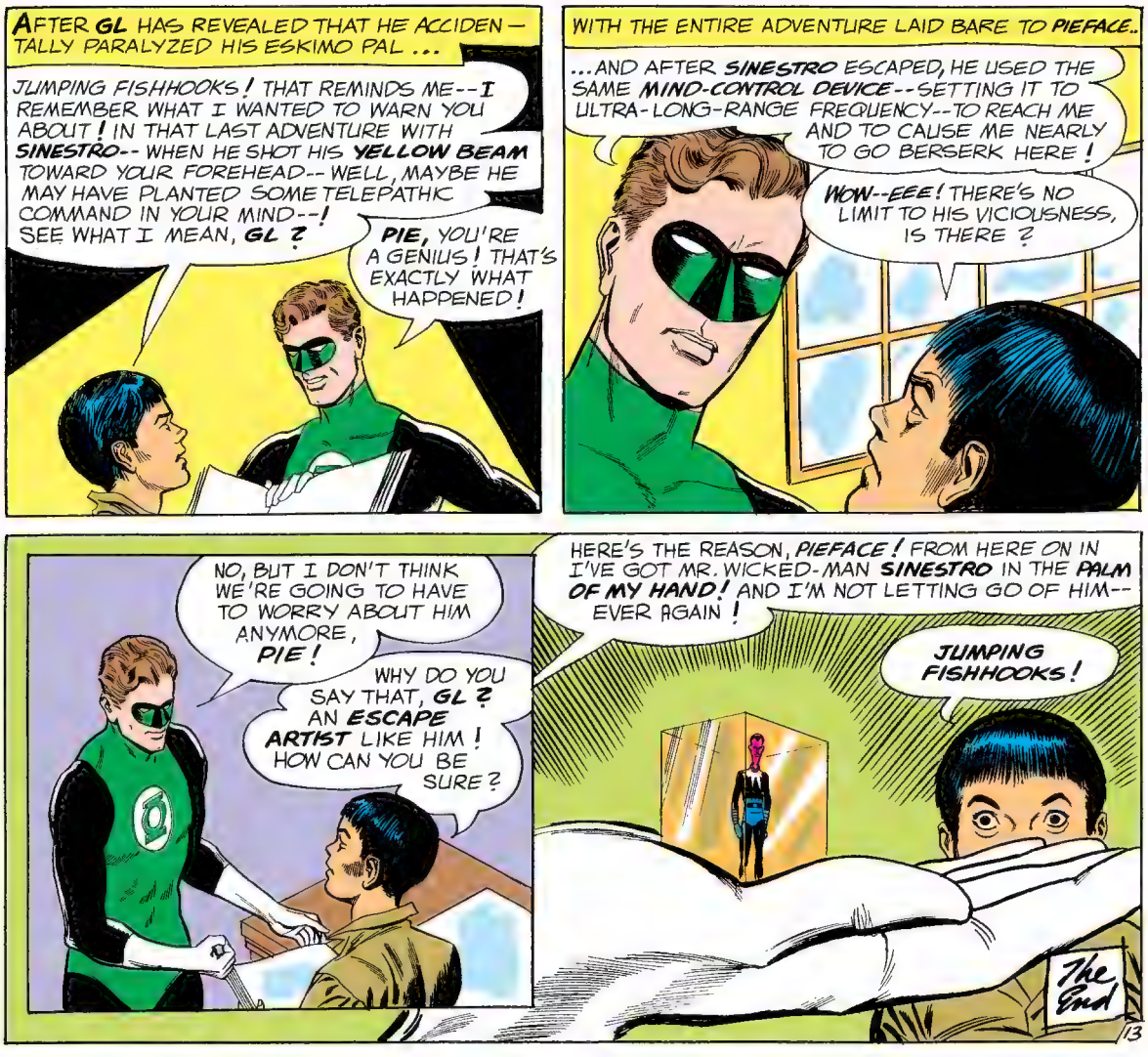
AFTER GL HAS REVEALED THAT HE ACCIDENTALLY PARALYZED HIS ESKIMO PAL ...
JUMPING FISHHOOKS! THAT REMINDS ME--I REMEMBER WHAT I WANTED TO WARN YOU ABOUT! IN THAT LAST ADVENTURE WITH SINESTRO-- WHEN HE SHOT HIS YELLOW BEAM TOWARD YOUR FOREHEAD-- WELL, MAYBE HE MAY HAVE PLANTED SOME TELEPATHIC COMMAND IN YOUR MIND--! SEE WHAT I MEAN, GL?
PIE, YOU'RE A GENIUS! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED!
WITH THE ENTIRE ADVENTURE LAID BARE TO PIEFACE..
...AND AFTER SINESTRO ESCAPED, HE USED THE SAME MIND-CONTROL DEVICE--SETTING IT TO ULTRA-LONG-RANGE FREQUENCY--TO REACH ME AND TO CAUSE ME NEARLY TO GO BERSERK HERE!
WOW--EEE! THERE'S NO LIMIT TO HIS VICIOUSNESS, IS THERE?
NO, BUT I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM ANYMORE, PIE!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT, GL? AN ESCAPE ARTIST LIKE HIM! HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?
HERE'S THE REASON, PIEFACE! FROM HERE ON IN I'VE GOT MR. WICKED-MAN SINESTRO IN THE PALM OF MY HAND! AND I'M NOT LETTING GO OF HIM-- EVER AGAIN!
JUMPING FISHHOOKS!
The End
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GREEN LANTERN
HAHH! I TOOK CARE OF THIS TOWN! AND I'LL MAKE A "CLEAN SWEEP" OF GREEN LANTERN TOO!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN GREEN LANTERN WAS ATTACKED BY HIS OWN POWER RING!
BILL BAGGETT WAS A VAGABOND, A NE'ER-DO-WELL WITH PRACTICALLY NOTHING IN THE WORLD TO CALL HIS OWN! THEN ONE DAY FATE ORDAINED THAT BAGGETT SHOULD FALL HEIR TO PERHAPS THE MOST VALUABLE OBJECT ON EARTH--GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING! AND WHEN THE EMERALD GLADIATOR SOUGHT TO RECOVER HIS MOST PRIZED POSSESSION, AN UNEQUAL BATTLE ROYAL ENSUED THAT FORMS THE CLIMAX OF THIS STARTLING STORY THAT WE CALL ...
GREEN LANTERN VS. POWER RING!
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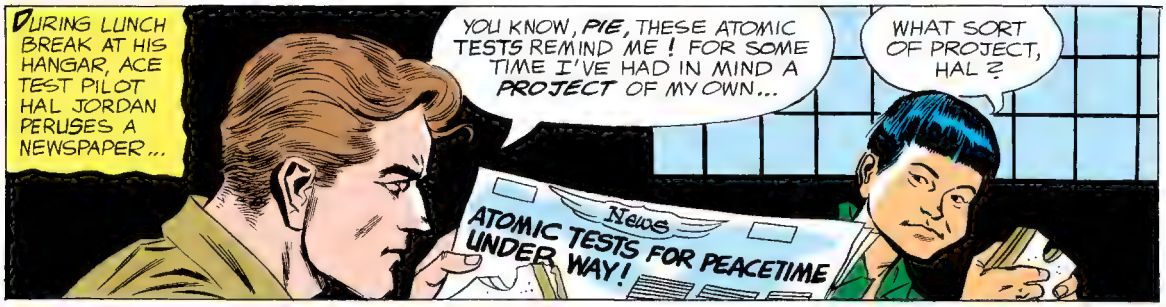

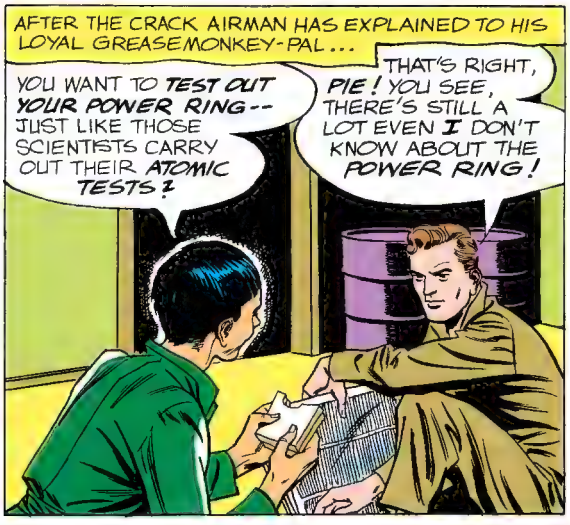

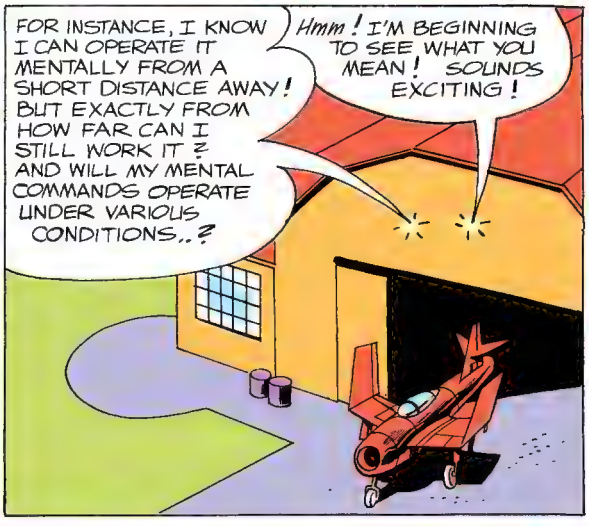

*Editor's Note: THE WIFE OF THOMAS (PIEFACE) KALMAKU WHO DOES NOT SUSPECT THAT HAL JORDAN IS REALLY GREEN LANTERN!

WITH THE TESTS WELL UNDER WAY...
TWENTY FEET AWAY FROM MY RING AND I CAN STILL CONTROL IT BY MENTALLY PROJECTING MY WILL POWER!
TERRIFIC!
WE'LL MOVE BACK FURTHER! SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, PIE, THERE MUST BE A POINT WHERE I CAN'T WORK IT ANY MORE NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY!
I'M TAKING DOWN THE RESULTS, SO YOU CAN CONSULT THEM LATER!
A HUNDRED YARDS! THIS IS A LOT TOUGHER! CAN'T SEEM TO CONTACT THE RING FROM THIS FAR!
TRY HARDER, GL!
YOU DID IT!
A HUNDRED YARDS SEEMS TO BE ABOUT THE LIMIT! WE'LL TAKE A BREAK BEFORE WE GO ON WITH THE SECOND STAGE OF THESE TESTS!
NOW YOU'LL SEE WHY I CAME TO THIS PARTICULAR AREA, PIE! I KNEW WE WOULD BE ISOLATED...
IT'S LIKE BEING CUT OFF FROM CIVILIZATION! THERE ISN'T A RAILROAD STATION OR EVEN A HOUSE FOR THIRTY MILES AROUND.
THIS SPOT IS HONEYCOMBED WITH CAVES! WE'RE GOING TO USE THIS ONE NOW! BUT BEFORE WE DO...I MUST GIVE MY RING A COMMAND...
POWER RING -- REPORT TO ME EVERY FEW MINUTES EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS WHILE I AM OUT OF SIGHT!
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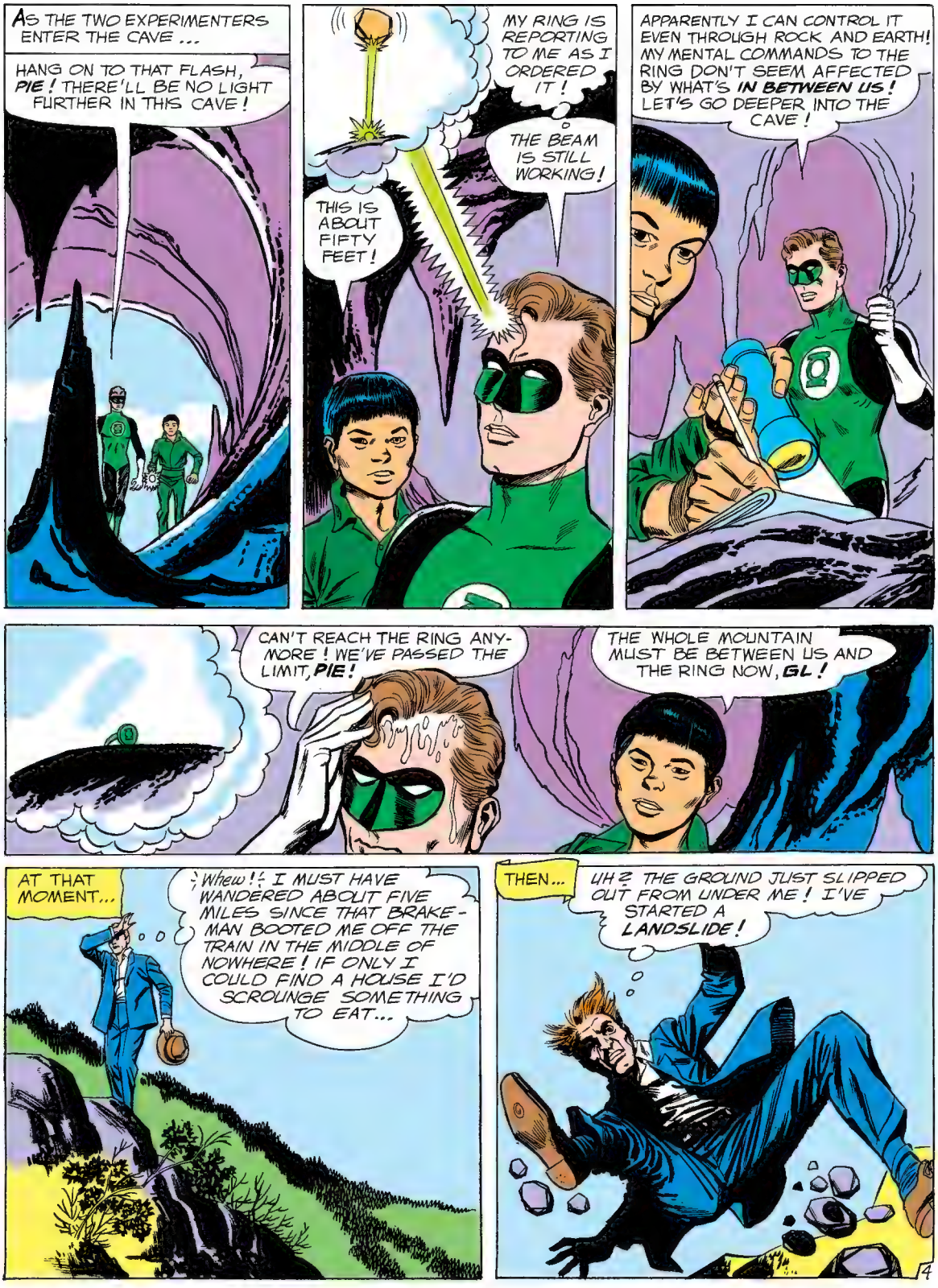
AS THE TWO EXPERIMENTERS ENTER THE CAVE ...
HANG ON TO THAT FLASH, PIE! THERE'LL BE NO LIGHT FURTHER IN THIS CAVE!
MY RING IS REPORTING TO ME AS I ORDERED IT!
THE BEAM IS STILL WORKING!
THIS IS ABOUT FIFTY FEET!
APPARENTLY I CAN CONTROL IT EVEN THROUGH ROCK AND EARTH! MY MENTAL COMMANDS TO THE RING DON'T SEEM AFFECTED BY WHAT'S IN BETWEEN US! LET'S GO DEEPER INTO THE CAVE!
CAN'T REACH THE RING ANY-MORE! WE'VE PASSED THE LIMIT, PIE!
THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN MUST BE BETWEEN US AND THE RING NOW, GL!
AT THAT MOMENT...
Whew!! I MUST HAVE WANDERED ABOUT FIVE MILES SINCE THAT BRAKE-MAN BOOTED ME OFF THE TRAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE! IF ONLY I COULD FIND A HOUSE I'D SCROUNGE SOMETHING TO EAT...
THEN...
UH?! THE GROUND JUST SLIPPED OUT FROM UNDER ME! I'VE STARTED A LANDSLIDE!
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AS THOUSANDS OF TONS OF ROCK AND EARTH PLUS "WEARY WILLIE" SHOOT DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE...
GL--YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
THAT RUMBLING SOUND--
DISRUPTED BY THE SLIDE, THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN QUIVERS, AND DEEP WITHIN IT...
LOOK OUT, GL! THOSE STALACTITES FROM THE CAVE ROOF--!
UHH...
AND I THOUGHT THIS WAS MY UNLUCKY DAY! A LANDSLIDE CARRIES ME DOWN A MOUNTAIN AND SETS ME ON MY FEET WITHOUT A SCRATCH...
...AND THE FIRST THING MY PEEPERS LIGHT ON DOWN HERE IS THIS FINE-LOOKING RING! DON'T SEEM TO BE NOBODY AROUND HERE! RING, YOU HAVE JUST FOUND YOURSELF A NEW OWNER!
MUST BE MY LUCK HAS CHANGED ALL RIGHT! IT FITS PERFECTLY! NOW IF I ONLY COULD DREAM UP SOMETHING TO EAT--ONE OF THOSE FINE MELONS I SAW FROM THE TRAIN...THAT MADE MY--eh?
AS THE HOBO'S INTENSE WISH IS TRANSMITTED VIA HIS WILL POWER TO THE RING ON HIS FINGER..
GREAT BOGWEEDS! A MELON--A REAL MELON--COMING FROM THIS RING!?
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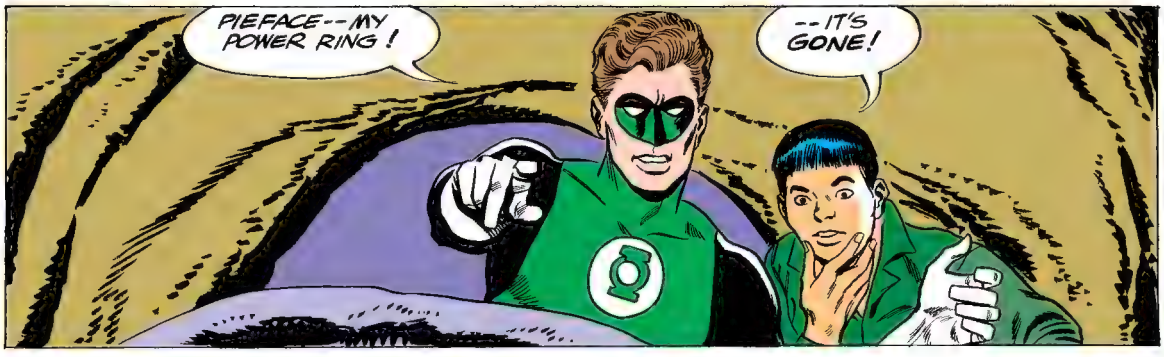
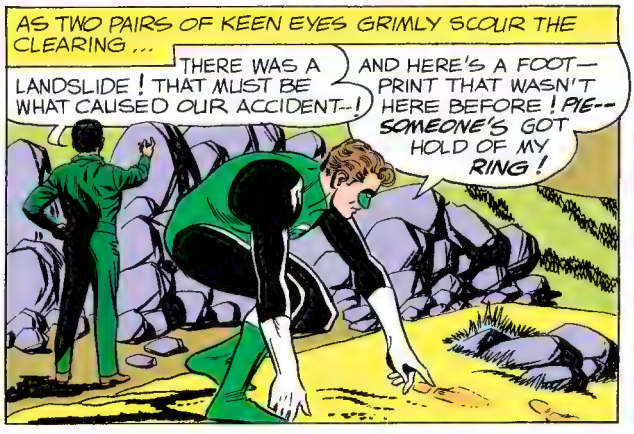
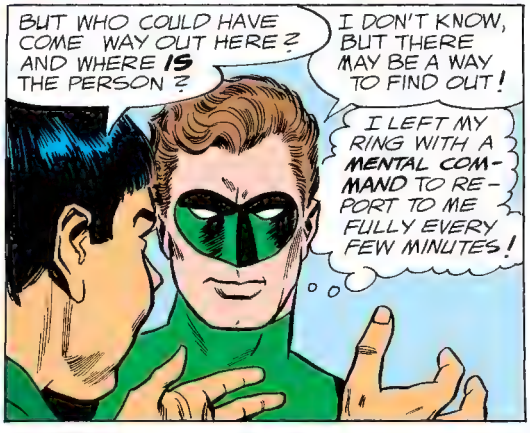
IT'S LIKE THE MAGIC RINGS I USED TO READ ABOUT IN FAIRY TALES! IT WHIPPED UP A WHOLE DINNER FOR ME! ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS WISH HARD ENOUGH AND IT GIVES ME WHAT I WANT! HOPE I DON'T WAKE UP AND FIND THIS IS ALL A DREAM --
I CAN CUT UP LOGS AND FIREWOOD WITH IT! I CAN DO ANY-THING! BUT I KNOW WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO...
BOY, WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS-- NOW THAT I GOT THIS RING--IS SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH THAT BRAKEMAN! I'D LIKE TO FLY AFTER HIM AND --
THE NEXT INSTANT...
FOR PETE'S SAKE! I'M FLYING THROUGH THE AIR-- AND HEADING FOR THE RAILROAD TRACKS!
NOT LONG AFTER...
PIE! PIE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Y-YEAH--FINE, GREEN LANTERN! HOW ABOUT YOU?
WE BOTH SEEM OKAY-- NO BONES BROKEN! BUT WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE...
I CAN'T SEEM TO CONTACT MY RING... BUT THAT COULD BE BECAUSE I'M STILL OUT OF RANGE!...

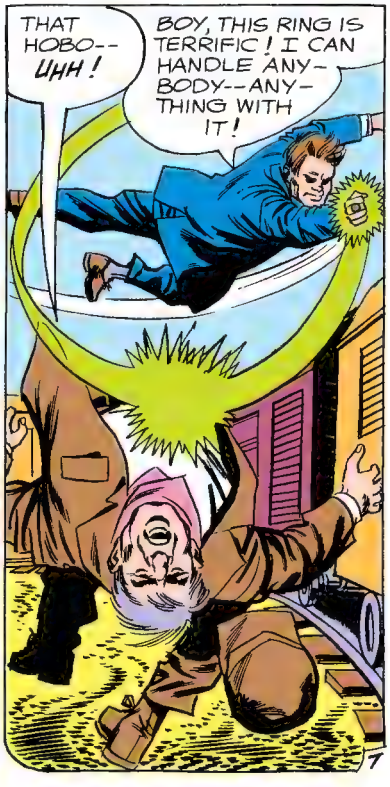

PIEFACE--MY POWER RING!
--IT'S GONE!


AS TWO PAIRS OF KEEN EYES GRIMLY SCOUR THE CLEARING...
THERE WAS A LANDSLIDE! THAT MUST BE WHAT CAUSED OUR ACCIDENT--!
AND HERE'S A FOOT--PRINT THAT WASN'T HERE BEFORE! PIE--SOMEONE'S GOT HOLD OF MY RING!


BUT WHO COULD HAVE COME WAY OUT HERE? AND WHERE IS THE PERSON?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THERE MAY BE A WAY TO FIND OUT!
I LEFT MY RING WITH A MENTAL COMMAND TO REPORT TO ME FULLY EVERY FEW MINUTES!

...AND HERE IT COMES NOW! GREAT GUARDIANS!
REPORTING TO THE POWER BATTERY POSSESSOR--
I WAS SEIZED BY A HOMELESS WANDERER NAMED BILL BAGGETT! FORCED TO OBEY THE COMMANDS OF HIS WILL...

"I CARRIED HIM IN SEARCH OF A CERTAIN RAILROAD WORKER AGAINST WHOM HE DESIRED REVENGE..."
THERE HE IS! HAHH! THAT BRAKEMAN IS IN FOR A BIT OF A SHOCKEROO!


THAT HOBO--UHH!
BOY, THIS RING IS TERRIFIC! I CAN HANDLE ANY-BODY--ANY-THING WITH IT!
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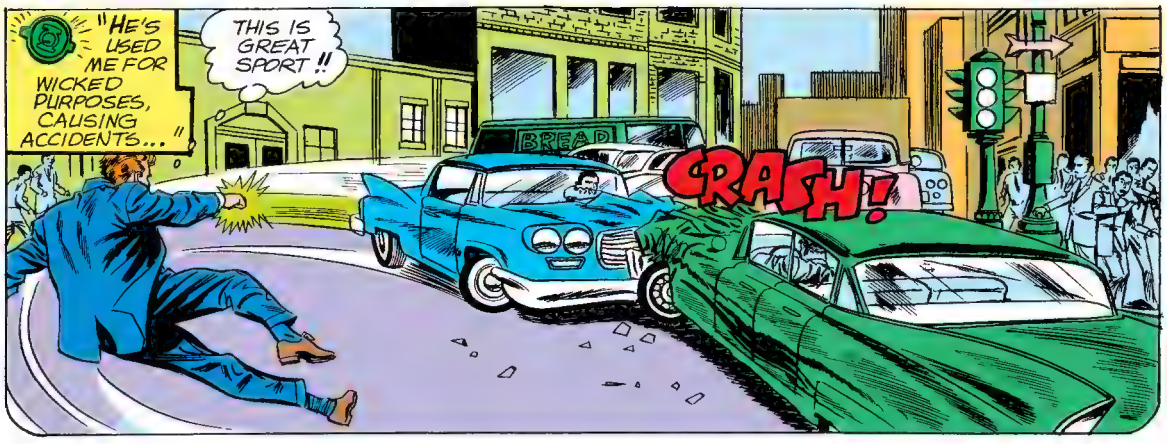
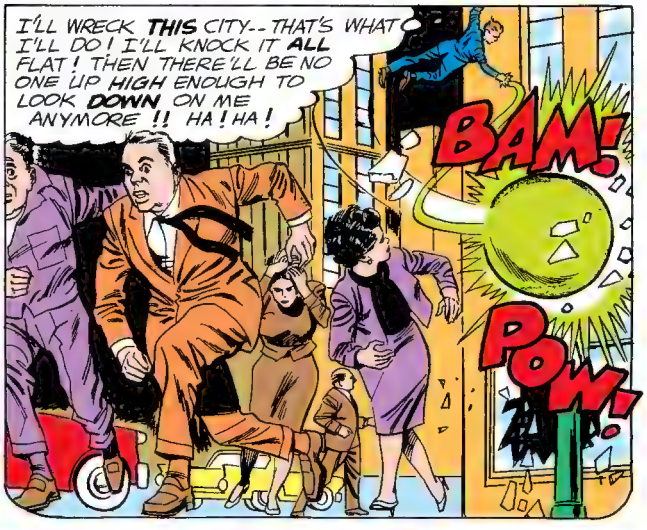
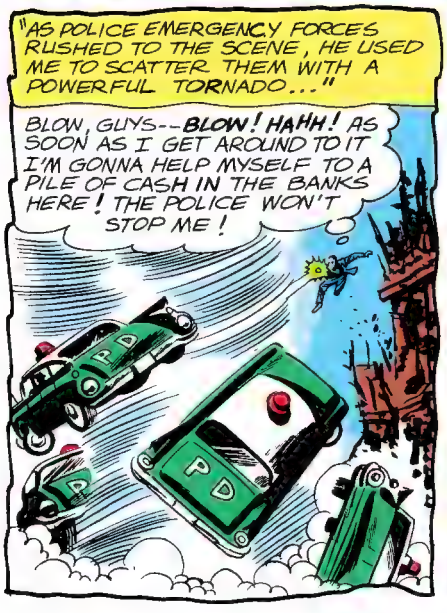

"HE'S USED ME FOR WICKED PURPOSES, CAUSING ACCIDENTS..."
THIS IS GREAT SPORT!!
BREAD
CRASH!

THESE FANCY-DRESSED PEOPLE WITH THEIR FANCY CARS--THEY'VE ALWAYS LOOKED DOWN ON ME! I GUESS THEY ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY WERE BETTER THAN ME! BUT I'LL SHOW 'EM!


I'LL WRECK THIS CITY--THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL KNOCK IT ALL FLAT! THEN THERE'LL BE NO ONE UP HIGH ENOUGH TO LOOK DOWN ON ME ANYMORE!! HA! HA!
BAM!
POW!


"AS POLICE EMERGENCY FORCES RUSHED TO THE SCENE, HE USED ME TO SCATTER THEM WITH A POWERFUL TORNADO..."
BLOW, GUYS--BLOW! HAHH! AS SOON AS I GET AROUND TO IT I'M GONNA HELP MYSELF TO A PILE OF CASH IN THE BANKS HERE! THE POLICE WON'T STOP ME!
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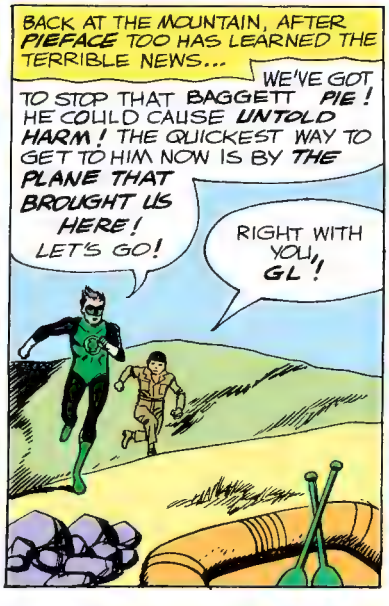
BACK AT THE MOUNTAIN, AFTER PIEFACE TOO HAS LEARNED THE TERRIBLE NEWS...
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THAT BAGGETT PIE! HE COULD CAUSE UNTOLD HARM! THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET TO HIM NOW IS BY THE PLANE THAT BROUGHT US HERE! LET'S GO!
RIGHT WITH YOU, GL!

SOON...
THERE'S THE CITY! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CHANCE IT--AND SET US DOWN IN ONE OF THE STREETS TO SAVE TIME! HANG ON, PIE!
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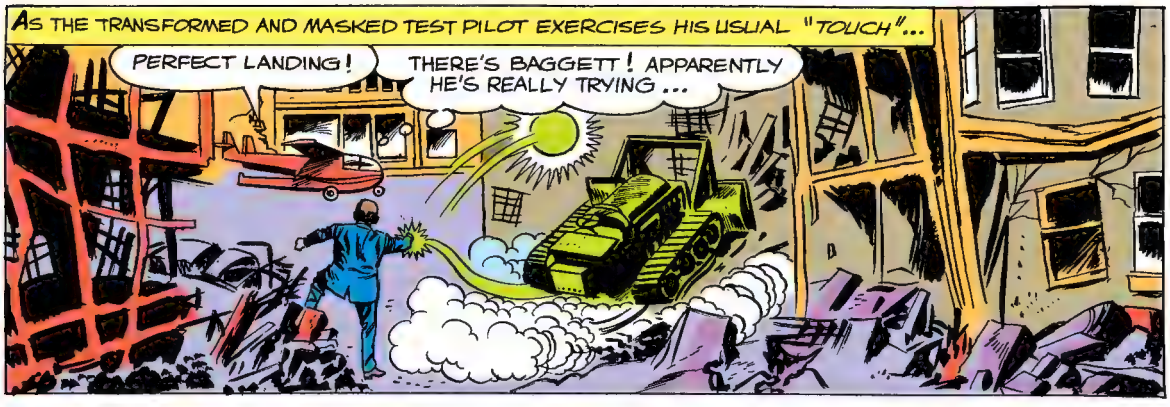
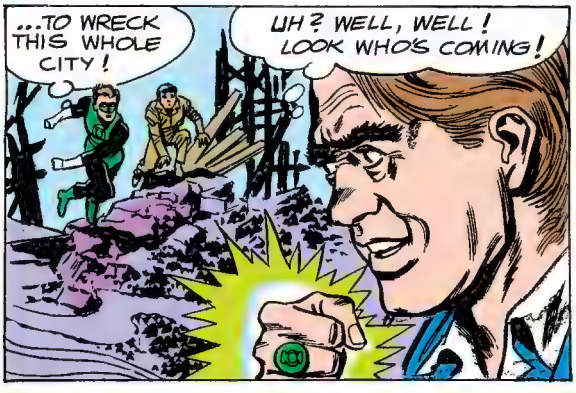
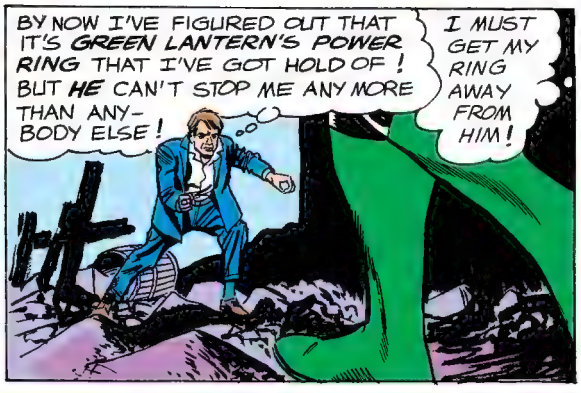
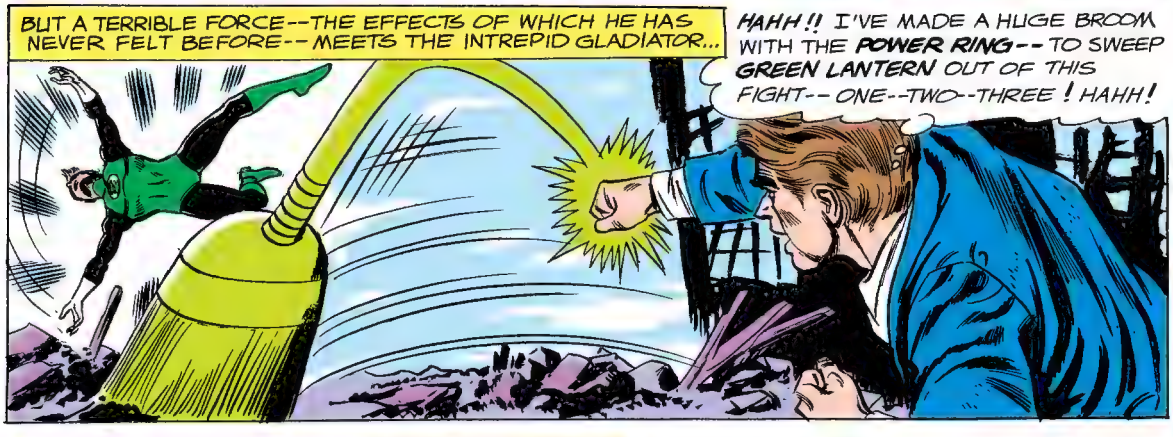
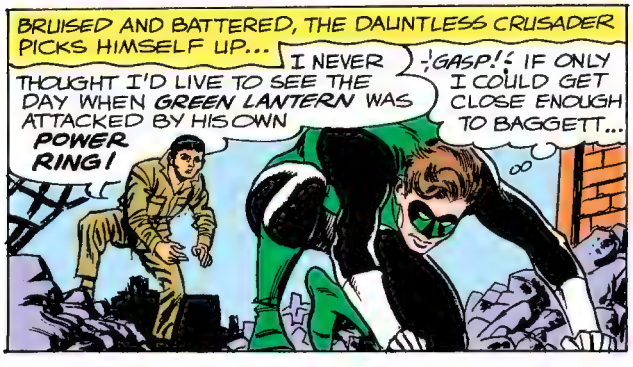

AS THE TRANSFORMED AND MASKED TEST PILOT EXERCISES HIS USUAL "TOUCH"...
PERFECT LANDING!
THERE'S BAGGETT! APPARENTLY HE'S REALLY TRYING...


...TO WRECK THIS WHOLE CITY!
UH? WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S COMING!


BY NOW I'VE FIGURED OUT THAT IT'S GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING THAT I'VE GOT HOLD OF! BUT HE CAN'T STOP ME ANY MORE THAN ANY-BODY ELSE!
I MUST GET MY RING AWAY FROM HIM!


BUT A TERRIBLE FORCE--THE EFFECTS OF WHICH HE HAS NEVER FELT BEFORE--MEETS THE INTREPID GLADIATOR...
HAHH!! I'VE MADE A HUGE BROOM WITH THE POWER RING--TO SWEEP GREEN LANTERN OUT OF THIS FIGHT--ONE--TWO--THREE! HAHH!


BRUISED AND BATTERED, THE DAUNTLESS CRUSADER PICKS HIMSELF UP...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN GREEN LANTERN WAS ATTACKED BY HIS OWN POWER RING!
GASP!: IF ONLY I COULD GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO BAGGETT...

...SO THAT MY WILL POWER COULD WREST CONTROL OF THE RING FROM HIM BY A MENTAL COMMAND! BUT HOW CAN I WHEN HE--? WAIT--THERE MAY BE A WAY! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING...
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AND MOMENTS LATER...
HEY, THIS GREEN LANTERN IS A HARDHEAD! GUESS I'M REALLY GOING TO HAVE TO SHOW HIM THIS TIME! BUT WHAT'S HE GOT--SOME SIGN HE'S PULLED DOWN FROM A STORE--?
DOES HE EXPECT THAT TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE MIGHTY POWER RING? BOY, HAS HE GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING! I'LL JUST KNOCK HIM INTO THE NEXT COUNTY--
BUT SURPRISINGLY, THE NEXT INSTANT, AS GREEN LANTERN REVERSES THE OBJECT IN HIS HANDS...
UHHH? THE POWER BEAM PETERED OUT WHEN IT HIT THE YELLOW SIGN! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ABOUT GREEN LANTERN'S RING THAT HAS NO POWER OVER ANYTHING YELLOW!*
GOLDEN CROWN CAFE
*Editor's Note: DUE TO A NECESSARY IMPURITY IN THE MATERIAL FROM WHICH THE POWER RING AND ITS ACCOMPANYING POWER BATTERY WERE MADE!
HE'S CAUGHT ON! TRYING TO REACH ME BEHIND THE SIGN! BUT MY STRATAGEM ENABLED ME TO GAIN PRECIOUS YARDS! I'M GETTING CLOSER--CLOSER TO HIM!
HUGE PINCERS FORMED BY THE RING DESCENDING ON ME!? ONLY A MOMENT LEFT...IN WHICH TO GET CONTROL OF THE RING! BUT CAN I--AT THIS DISTANCE!? I MUST TRY--
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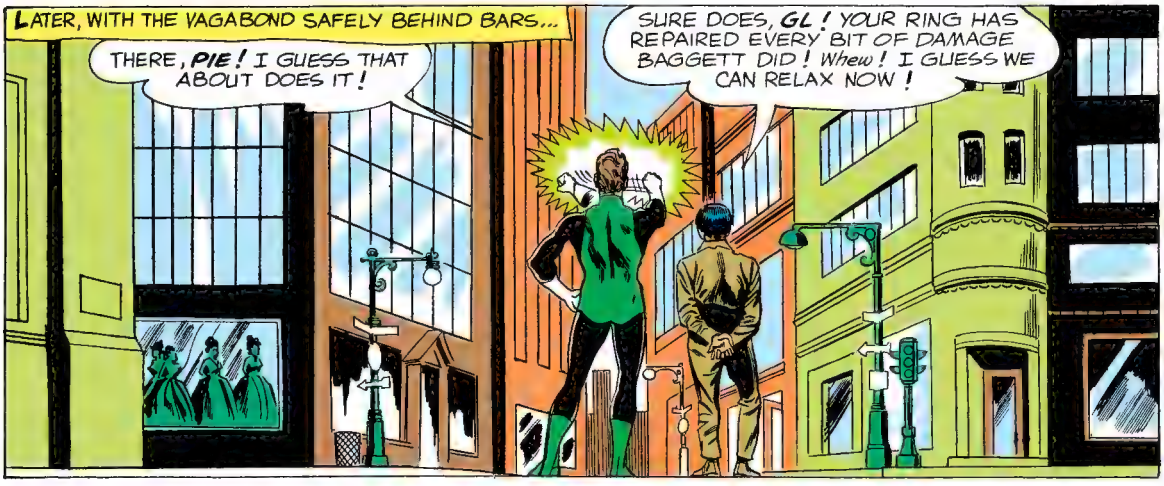
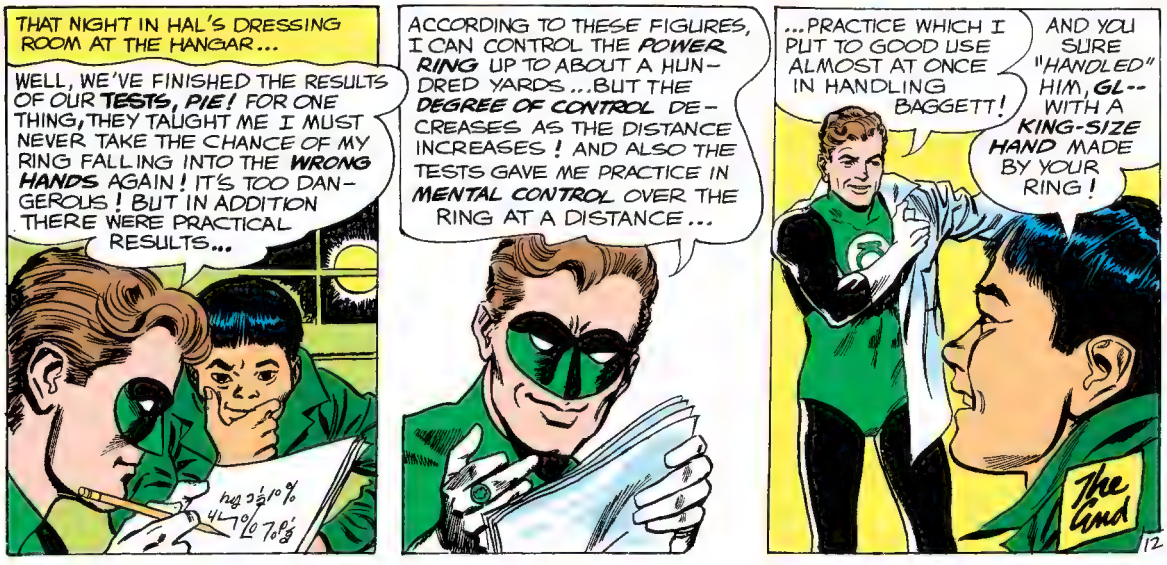
ABRUPTLY, A STRANGE CONTEST ENSUES, A CONTEST OF WILLS MADE UNEQUAL BY GL'S GREATER DISTANCE FROM THE POWER RING...
THE RING--I'M HAVING TROUBLE GETTING IT TO DO WHAT I WANT! GOT TO CONCENTRATE HARDER!
I'VE GOT TO POUR WILL POWER OUT LIKE I NEVER DID BEFORE!
LITTLE BY LITTLE THE DUEL TAKES THE FORM OF GIANT GREEN HANDS GRAPPLING FOR MASTERY...
THE RING IS RESPONDING TO MY THOUGHT-IMPULSES--BUT IT ALSO IS RESPONDING TO BAGGETT'S WILL! THE QUESTION IS--WHICH OF US CAN "OVERPOWER" THE OTHER? HE'S APPLYING CRUSHING FORCE...
...BUT EVEN THOUGH HIS TASK IS EASIER THAN MINE... BEING CLOSER TO THE RING...EVEN SO...I'VE SUCCEEDED IN EQUALIZING MATTERS! HE HAD ME ON THE DEFENSIVE! NOW IT'S MY TURN...
THEN, WITH CONVINCING FORCE...
THATAWAY, GL--! YOU KAYOED HIM WITH HIS OWN HAND!
AND THE NEXT MOMENT...
AT LAST--I'VE GOT BACK MY RING!
ON YOUR FEET, BAGGETT! YOU'VE GOT A DATE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HERE!
-GULP!- YOU TRICKED ME--THAT YELLOW SIGN...


LATER, WITH THE VAGABOND SAFELY BEHIND BARS...
THERE, PIE! I GUESS THAT ABOUT DOES IT!
SURE DOES, GL! YOUR RING HAS REPAIRED EVERY BIT OF DAMAGE BAGGETT DID! Whew! I GUESS WE CAN RELAX NOW!


THAT NIGHT IN HAL'S DRESSING ROOM AT THE HANGAR...
WELL, WE'VE FINISHED THE RESULTS OF OUR TESTS, PIE! FOR ONE THING, THEY TAUGHT ME I MUST NEVER TAKE THE CHANCE OF MY RING FALLING INTO THE WRONG HANDS AGAIN! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! BUT IN ADDITION THERE WERE PRACTICAL RESULTS...
ACCORDING TO THESE FIGURES, I CAN CONTROL THE POWER RING UP TO ABOUT A HUNDRED YARDS...BUT THE DEGREE OF CONTROL DECREASES AS THE DISTANCE INCREASES! AND ALSO THE TESTS GAVE ME PRACTICE IN MENTAL CONTROL OVER THE RING AT A DISTANCE...
...PRACTICE WHICH I PUT TO GOOD USE ALMOST AT ONCE IN HANDLING BAGGETT!
AND YOU SURE "HANDLED" HIM, GL-- WITH A KING-SIZE HAND MADE BY YOUR RING!
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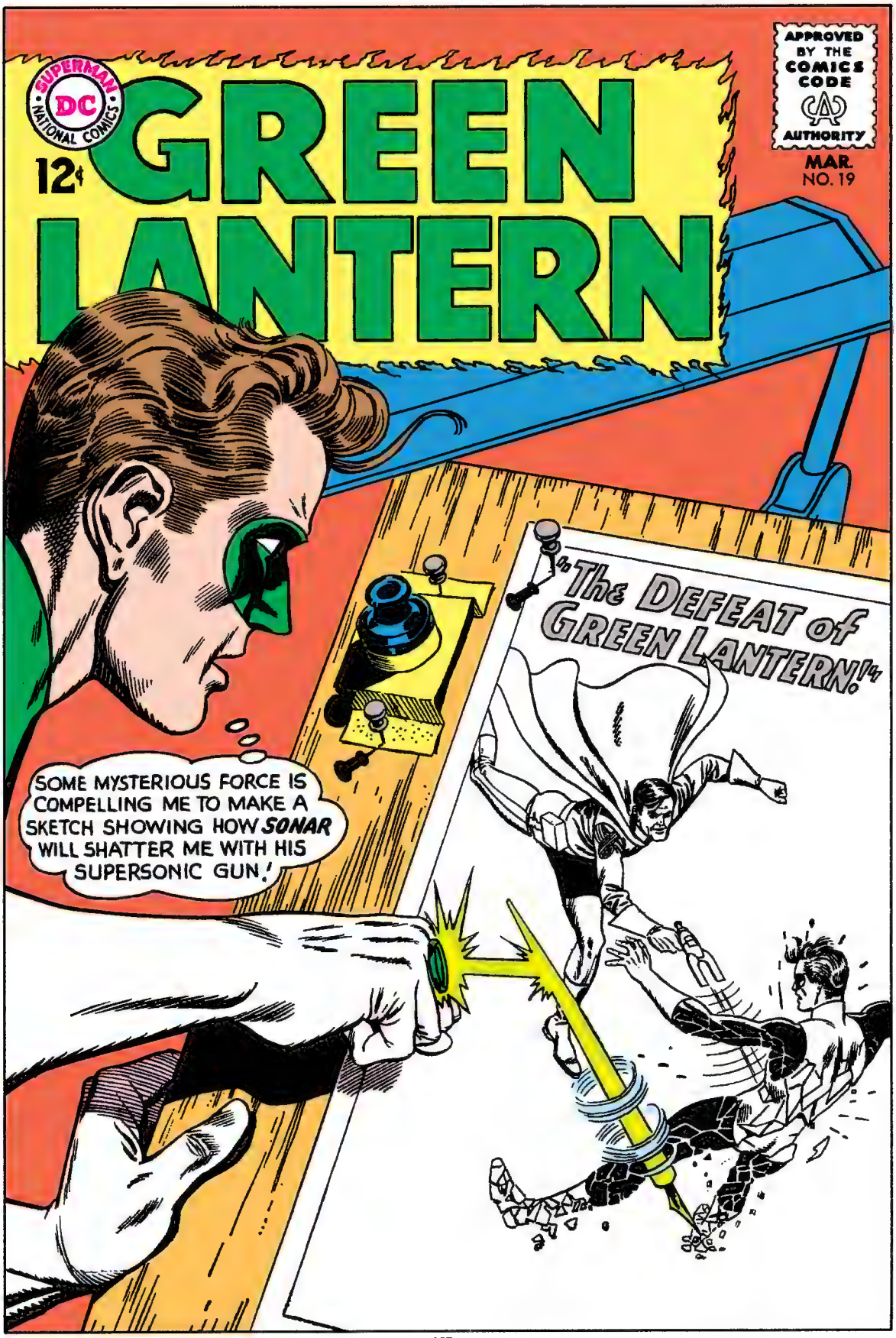
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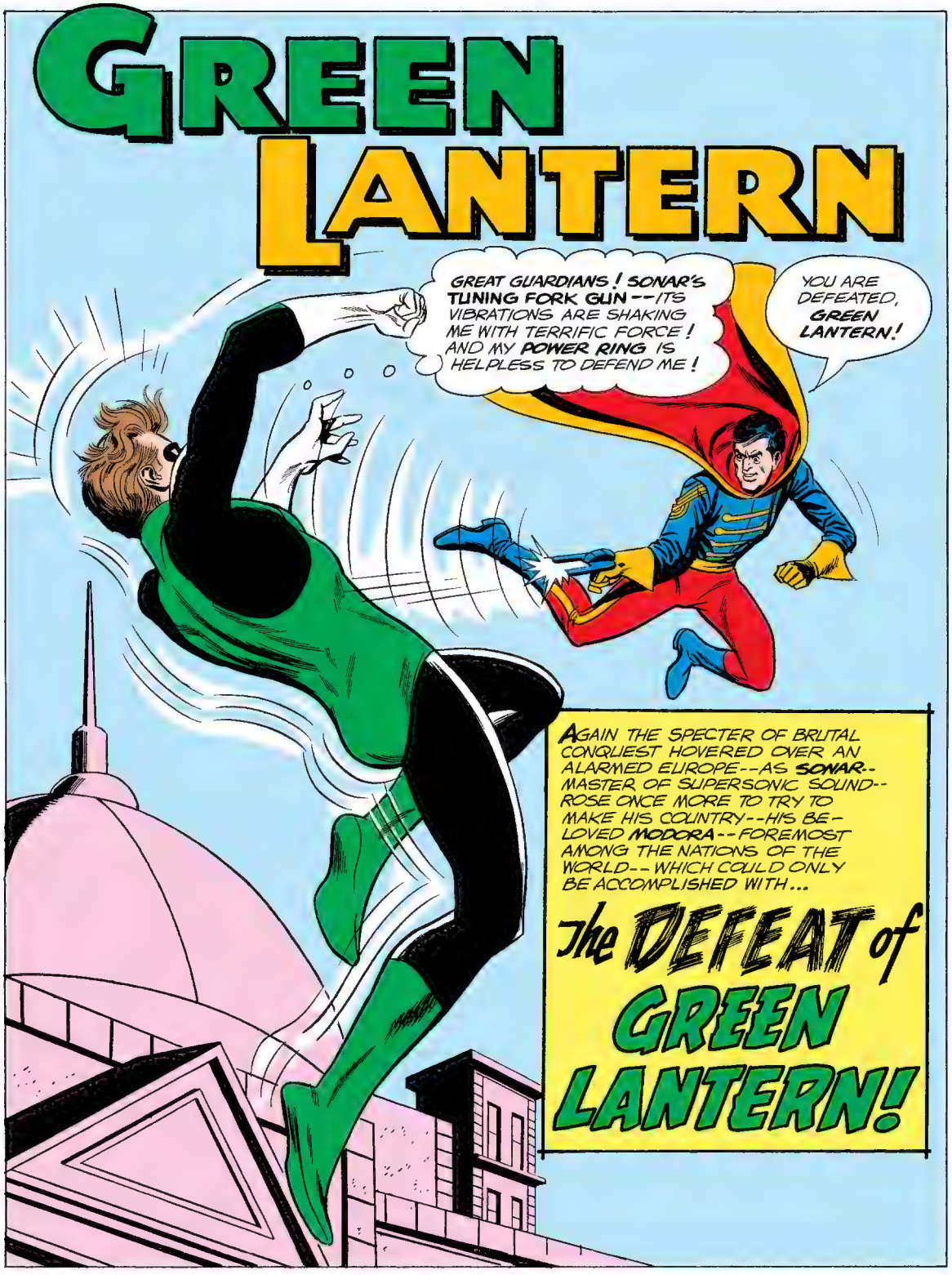
SOME MYSTERIOUS FORCE IS COMPELLING ME TO MAKE A SKETCH SHOWING HOW SONAR WILL SHATTER ME WITH HIS SUPERSONIC GUN!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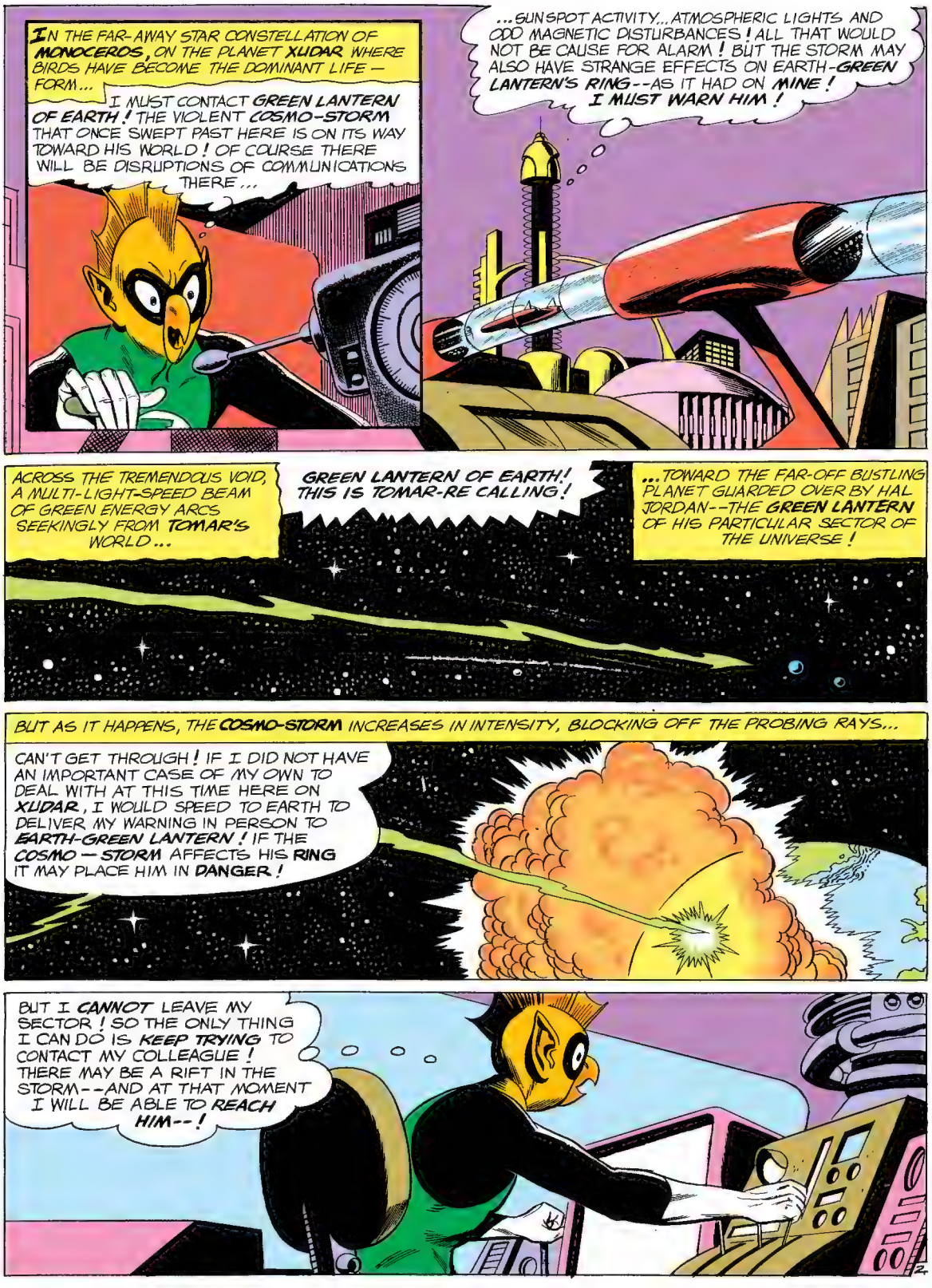
GREAT GUARDIANS! SONAR'S TUNING FORK GUN--ITS VIBRATIONS ARE SHAKING ME WITH TERRIFIC FORCE! AND MY POWER RING IS HELPLESS TO DEFEND ME!
YOU ARE DEFEATED, GREEN LANTERN!
AGAIN THE SPECTER OF BRUTAL CONQUEST HOVERED OVER AN ALARMED EUROPE--AS SONAR--MASTER OF SUPERSONIC SOUND--ROSE ONCE MORE TO TRY TO MAKE HIS COUNTRY--HIS BE-LOVED MODORA--FOREMOST AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD--WHICH COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH...
The DEFEAT of GREEN LANTERN!


IN THE FAR-AWAY STAR CONSTELLATION OF MONOCEROS, ON THE PLANET XUDAR WHERE BIRDS HAVE BECOME THE DOMINANT LIFE-FORM...
I MUST CONTACT GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH! THE VIOLENT COSMO-STORM THAT ONCE SWEPT PAST HERE IS ON ITS WAY TOWARD HIS WORLD! OF COURSE THERE WILL BE DISRUPTIONS OF COMMUNICATIONS THERE...
...SUNSPOT ACTIVITY...ATMOSPHERIC LIGHTS AND ODD MAGNETIC DISTURBANCES! ALL THAT WOULD NOT BE CAUSE FOR ALARM! BUT THE STORM MAY ALSO HAVE STRANGE EFFECTS ON EARTH-GREEN LANTERN'S RING--AS IT HAD ON MINE! I MUST WARN HIM!
ACROSS THE TREMENDOUS VOID, A MULTI-LIGHT-SPEED BEAM OF GREEN ENERGY ARCS SEEKINGLY FROM TOMAR'S WORLD...
GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH! THIS IS TOMAR-RE CALLING!
...TOWARD THE FAR-OFF BUSTLING PLANET GUARDED OVER BY HAL JORDAN--THE GREEN LANTERN OF HIS PARTICULAR SECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE!
BUT AS IT HAPPENS, THE COSMO-STORM INCREASES IN INTENSITY, BLOCKING OFF THE PROBING RAYS...
CAN'T GET THROUGH! IF I DID NOT HAVE AN IMPORTANT CASE OF MY OWN TO DEAL WITH AT THIS TIME HERE ON XUDAR, I WOULD SPEED TO EARTH TO DELIVER MY WARNING IN PERSON TO EARTH-GREEN LANTERN! IF THE COSMO-STORM AFFECTS HIS RING IT MAY PLACE HIM IN DANGER!
BUT I CANNOT LEAVE MY SECTOR! SO THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS KEEP TRYING TO CONTACT MY COLLEAGUE! THERE MAY BE A RIFT IN THE STORM--AND AT THAT MOMENT I WILL BE ABLE TO REACH HIM--!

MEANWHILE ON EARTH...
JUMPING FISHHOOKS! LOOK AT THIS, HAL--!
WHAT IS IT, PIE?
IT'S ADDRESSED TO GREEN LANTERN-- IN CARE OF ME!
AND IT'S FROM OVERSEAS! WE'D BETTER RETREAT TO MY DRESSING ROOM-- AND TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
GREEN LANTERN, c/o THOMAS KALMAKU, FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, COAST CITY, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.
SPECIAL DELIVERY
IT'S A LETTER FROM THE RULER OF GRANACO, A LITTLE COUNTRY NEAR MODORA IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE! IT SEEMS THEY REMEMBER I STOPPED BY THERE, AS GREEN LANTERN, SOME TIME AGO--TO PICK UP A MODORAN POSTAGE STAMP FOR YOU, PIEFACE!*
*EDITOR'S NOTE: FOR THE DETAILS OF THIS STORY, SEE "The MAN WHO CONQUERED SOUND", IN THE JULY, 1962 ISSUE OF GREEN LANTERN!
AND THAT'S WHY THEY WROTE ME TO THIS ADDRESS IN CARE OF YOU! BUT WHAT THE RULER HAS TO SAY IS SERIOUS ENOUGH!
IS SOMETHING WRONG, HAL?
PLENTY! LISTEN TO THIS! ACCORDING TO THIS LETTER, THE MODORAN AUTHORITIES LET SONAR OUT OF JAIL BECAUSE HE HELPED WITH THE HARVEST! AND BY AN OLD MODORAN LAW ANYONE WHO HELPS WITH THE HARVEST...
...IS AUTOMATICALLY PARDONED FROM HIS JAIL SENTENCE! BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! THERE'S REALLY TROUBLE BREWING!
GOSH! MAY I... SEE THE LETTER, HAL?
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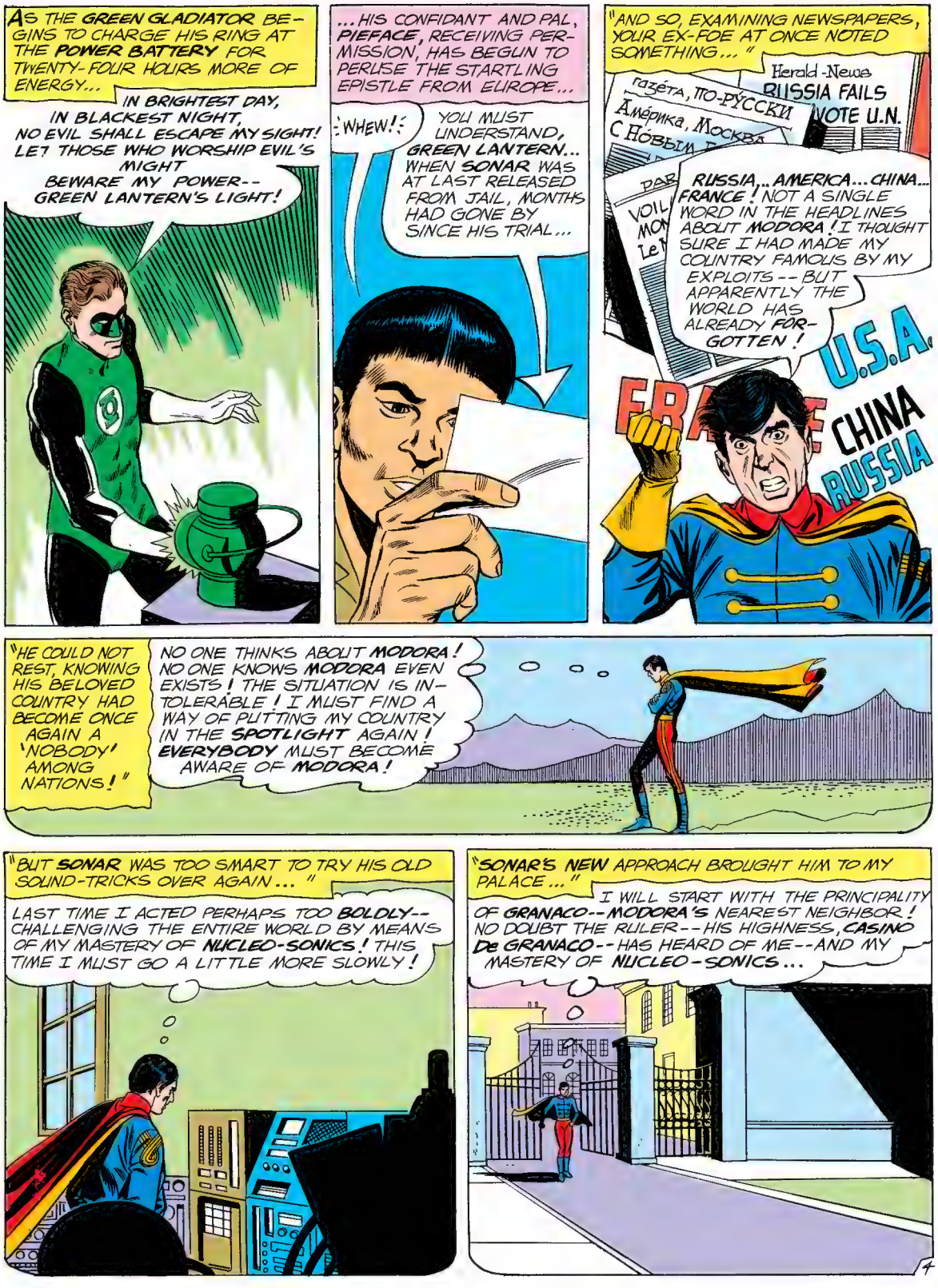
AS THE GREEN GLADIATOR BEGINS TO CHARGE HIS RING AT THE POWER BATTERY FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS MORE OF ENERGY...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
...HIS CONFIDANT AND PAL, PIEFACE, RECEIVING PERMISSION, HAS BEGUN TO PERUSE THE STARTLING EPISTLE FROM EUROPE...
:WHEW!:
YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, GREEN LANTERN... WHEN SONAR WAS AT LAST RELEASED FROM JAIL, MONTHS HAD GONE BY SINCE HIS TRIAL...
"AND SO, EXAMINING NEWSPAPERS, YOUR EX-FOE AT ONCE NOTED SOMETHING..."
Herald-News
RUSSIA FAILS
VOTE U.N.
RUSSIA...AMERICA...CHINA...FRANCE! NOT A SINGLE WORD IN THE HEADLINES ABOUT MODORA! I THOUGHT SURE I HAD MADE MY COUNTRY FAMOUS BY MY EXPLOITS--BUT APPARENTLY THE WORLD HAS ALREADY FORGOTTEN!
U.S.A.
CHINA
RUSSIA
"HE COULD NOT REST, KNOWING HIS BELOVED COUNTRY HAD BECOME ONCE AGAIN A 'NOBODY' AMONG NATIONS!"
NO ONE THINKS ABOUT MODORA! NO ONE KNOWS MODORA EVEN EXISTS! THE SITUATION IS INTOLERABLE! I MUST FIND A WAY OF PUTTING MY COUNTRY IN THE SPOTLIGHT AGAIN! EVERYBODY MUST BECOME AWARE OF MODORA!
"BUT SONAR WAS TOO SMART TO TRY HIS OLD SOUND-TRICKS OVER AGAIN..."
LAST TIME I ACTED PERHAPS TOO BOLDLY--CHALLENGING THE ENTIRE WORLD BY MEANS OF MY MASTERY OF NUCLEO-SONICS! THIS TIME I MUST GO A LITTLE MORE SLOWLY!
"SONAR'S NEW APPROACH BROUGHT HIM TO MY PALACE..."
I WILL START WITH THE PRINCIPALITY OF GRANACO--MODORA'S NEAREST NEIGHBOR! NO DOUBT THE RULER--HIS HIGHNESS, CASINO De GRANACO--HAS HEARD OF ME--AND MY MASTERY OF NUCLEO-SONICS...
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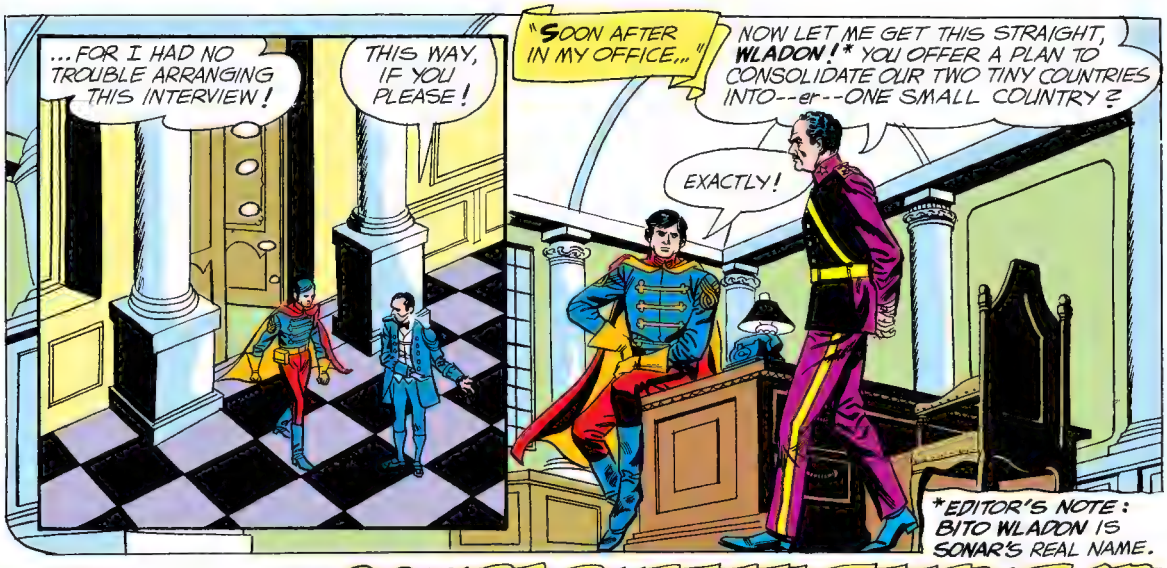
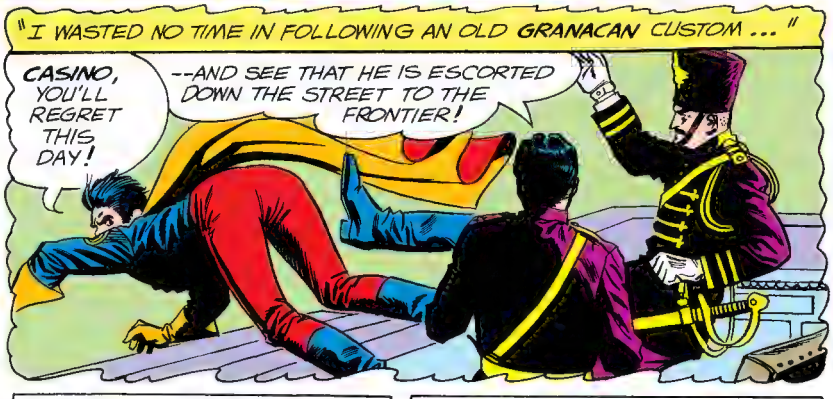
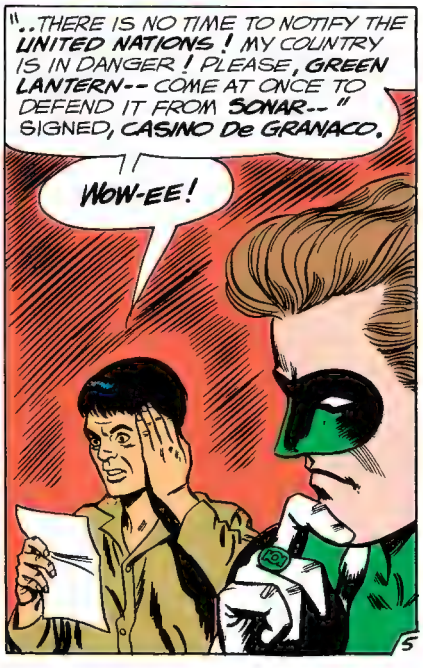

...FOR I HAD NO TROUBLE ARRANGING THIS INTERVIEW!
THIS WAY, IF YOU PLEASE!
"SOON AFTER IN MY OFFICE,,,"
NOW LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, WLADON!* YOU OFFER A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE OUR TWO TINY COUNTRIES INTO--er--ONE SMALL COUNTRY?
EXACTLY!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: BITO WLADON IS SONAR'S REAL NAME.

AND BY THIS PLAN YOU YOURSELF ARE TO BECOME THE RULER AND SUPREME ADVISOR OF OUR COMBINED NATIONS--WITH ME AS YOUR ASSISTANT?
CORRECT AGAIN, HIGHNESS!


"I WASTED NO TIME IN FOLLOWING AN OLD GRANACAN CUSTOM ..."
CASINO, YOU'LL REGRET THIS DAY!
--AND SEE THAT HE IS ESCORTED DOWN THE STREET TO THE FRONTIER!

"...BUT LATER,ON REFLECTION, I REALIZED I HAD MADE A DANGEROUS ENEMY! I AM CONVINCED THAT SONAR IS ABOUT TO ATTACK GRANACO--TO CONQUER IT BY FORCE--AS A PRELUDE TO CONQUERING OTHER NATIONS OF EUROPE AND THE WORLD!


"..THERE IS NO TIME TO NOTIFY THE UNITED NATIONS! MY COUNTRY IS IN DANGER! PLEASE, GREEN LANTERN--COME AT ONCE TO DEFEND IT FROM SONAR--" SIGNED, CASINO De GRANACO.
WOW-EE!
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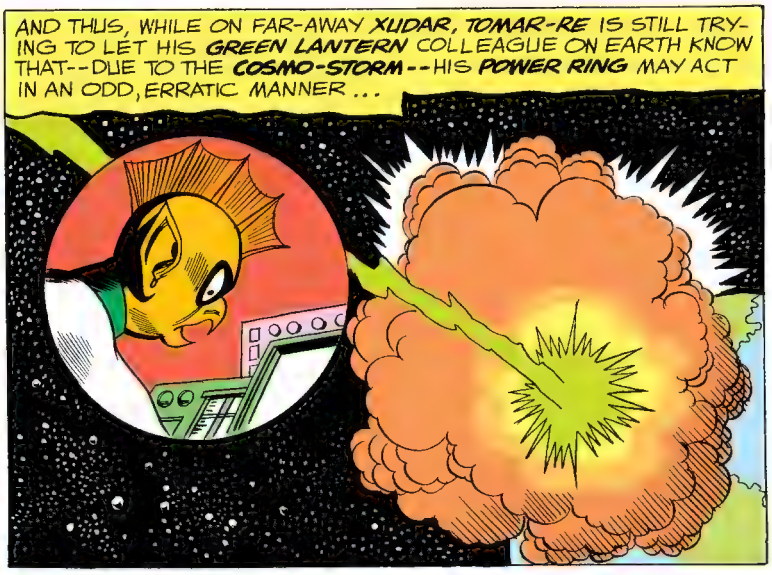
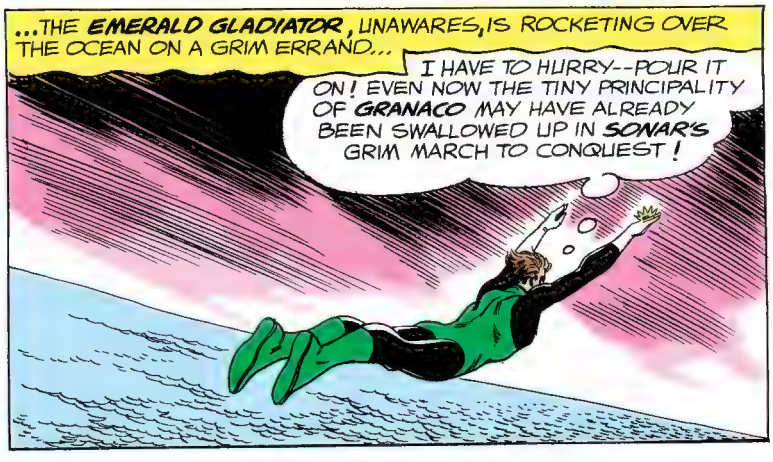
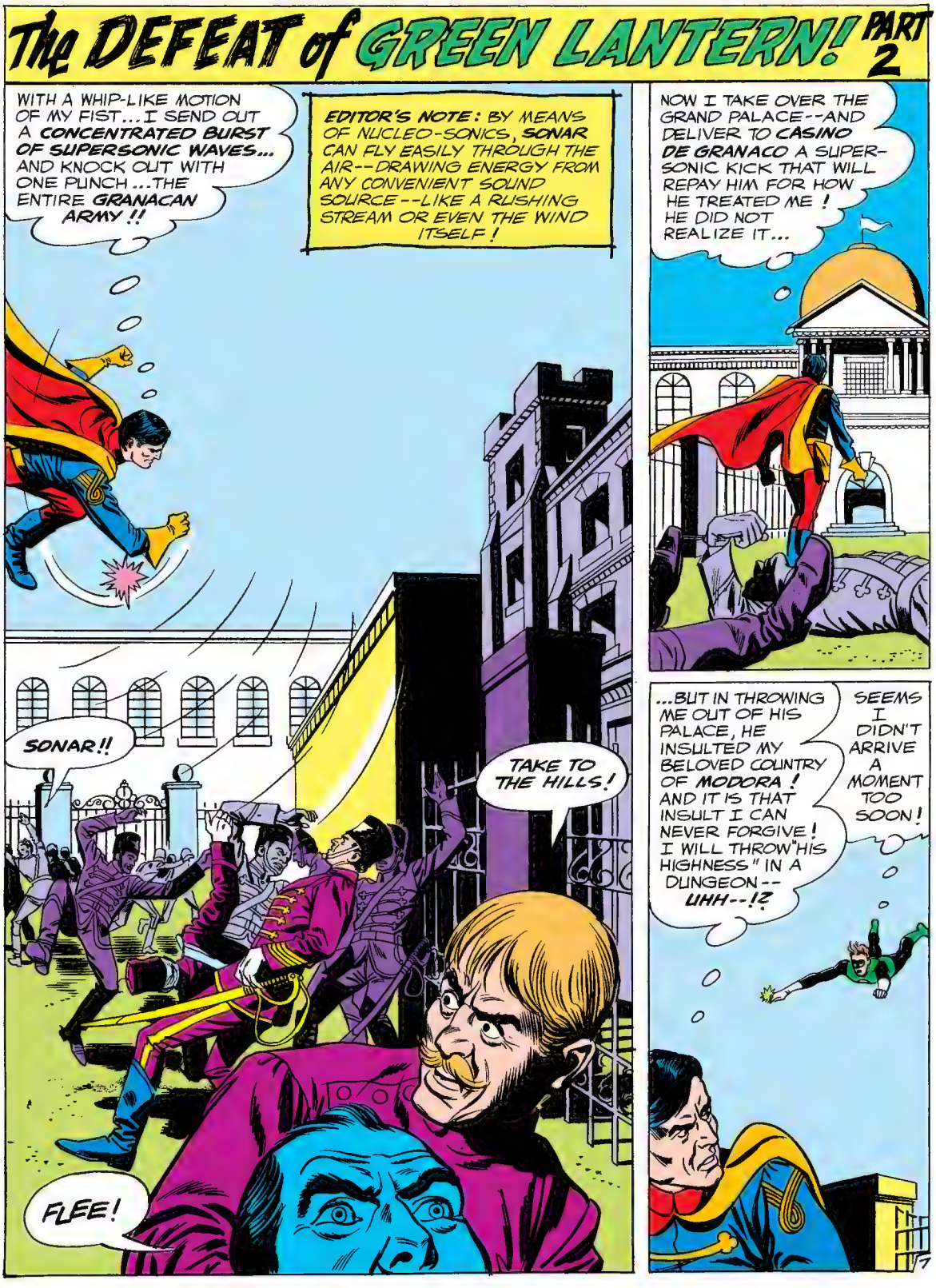
AS GREEN LANTERN PREPARES FOR ACTION...
THEN--YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER THIS SUMMONS, GL?
I HAVE TO, PIE! IF HIS HIGHNESS, CASINO DE GRANACO, IS CORRECT, THEN SONAR IS ON THE LOOSE ONCE MORE--AND WITH HIS DANGEROUSLY FANTASTIC POWERS, HE MUST BE STOPPED AT ALL COSTS!


AND THUS, WHILE ON FAR-AWAY XUDAR, TOMAR-RE IS STILL TRYING TO LET HIS GREEN LANTERN COLLEAGUE ON EARTH KNOW THAT--DUE TO THE COSMO-STORM--HIS POWER RING MAY ACT IN AN ODD, ERRATIC MANNER...


...THE EMERALD GLADIATOR, UNAWARES, IS ROCKETING OVER THE OCEAN ON A GRIM ERRAND...
I HAVE TO HURRY--POUR IT ON! EVEN NOW THE TINY PRINCIPALITY OF GRANACO MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN SONAR'S GRIM MARCH TO CONQUEST!


The DEFEAT of GREEN LANTERN! PART 2
WITH A WHIP-LIKE MOTION OF MY FIST...I SEND OUT A CONCENTRATED BURST OF SUPERSONIC WAVES... AND KNOCK OUT WITH ONE PUNCH ...THE ENTIRE GRANACAN ARMY !!
EDITOR'S NOTE: BY MEANS OF NUCLEO-SONICS, SONAR CAN FLY EASILY THROUGH THE AIR--DRAWING ENERGY FROM ANY CONVENIENT SOUND SOURCE--LIKE A RUSHING STREAM OR EVEN THE WIND ITSELF!
NOW I TAKE OVER THE GRAND PALACE--AND DELIVER TO CASINO DE GRANACO A SUPER-SONIC KICK THAT WILL REPAY HIM FOR HOW HE TREATED ME ! HE DID NOT REALIZE IT...
SONAR!!
TAKE TO THE HILLS!
FLEE!
...BUT IN THROWING ME OUT OF HIS PALACE, HE INSULTED MY BELOVED COUNTRY OF MODORA ! AND IT IS THAT INSULT I CAN NEVER FORGIVE ! I WILL THROW "HIS HIGHNESS" IN A DUNGEON-- UHH--!?
SEEMS I DIDN'T ARRIVE A MOMENT TOO SOON!

AS THE TWO ENEMIES CHARGE AT EACH OTHER...
SO YOU ARE HERE TO INTERFERE WITH ME AGAIN, GREEN LANTERN!
PULLING OUT YOUR TUNING FORK GUN? BUT IT'S NO MATCH FOR MY POWER BEAM--AND YOU KNOW IT, SONAR!
HOWEVER, THE NEXT INSTANT...
GREAT JUPITER! I SEEM...TO BE IN AN ANCIENT ROMAN ARENA SUCH AS THEY HAD IN THESE PARTS LONG AGO! AND SURROUNDED BY FEROCIOUS LIONS CLOSING IN ON ME--!
MY RING HAS NO EFFECT--!
WAIT! I JUST REMEMBERED! SONAR'S TUNING FORK GUN CAN CREATE MENTAL EFFECTS! I MUST USE MY RING TO ORDER MY BRAIN NOT TO SEE THE ILLUSION HE HAS MADE!
AND SURE ENOUGH AS THE EMERALD CRUSADER "CLEARS" HIS MIND...
IT WORKED! AND THERE'S SONAR STARTING TO THROW A SUPERSONIC KNOCKOUT PUNCH AT ME!
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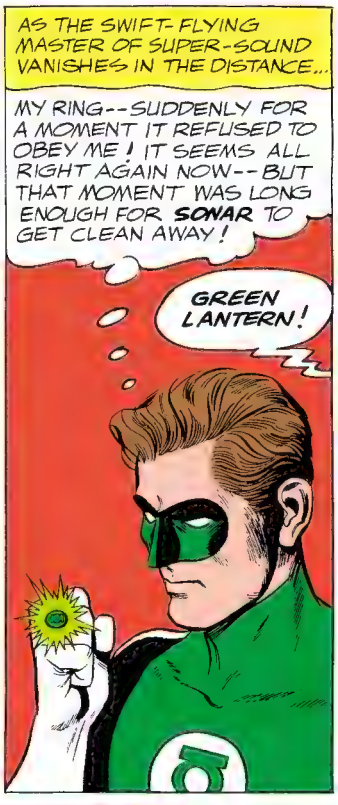
INSTANTLY, THE ALL-POWERFUL GREEN BEAM DARTS OUT...
HIS POWER RING--FORMING A PUNCHING BAG--TO CANCEL OUT MY SUPERSONIC BLAST!

AS SONAR BEATS A HASTY RETREAT...
GOT TO FOLLOW UP MY ADVANTAGE--NAB HIM BEFORE HE CAN GET AWAY--eh? MY BEAM--BEING GROUNDED!
BAH! I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY OF DEFEATING HIM YET!


AS THE SWIFT-FLYING MASTER OF SUPER-SOUND VANISHES IN THE DISTANCE...
MY RING--SUDDENLY FOR A MOMENT IT REFUSED TO OBEY ME! IT SEEMS ALL RIGHT AGAIN NOW--BUT THAT MOMENT WAS LONG ENOUGH FOR SONAR TO GET CLEAN AWAY!
GREEN LANTERN!

THANK GOODNESS YOU ARRIVED WHEN YOU DID! SONAR WAS ABOUT TO INVADE MY PALACE--! YOU SAVED US!
HIS HIGHNESS, CASINO DE GRANACO!

AND SOON, A GRIM COUNSEL OF WAR IN THE GRAND PALACE...
THEN YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO POST SENTINELS, GREEN LANTERN--?
WELL, THEORETICALLY, YOUR HIGHNESS, I SHOULD NOT EVEN BE INVOLVED IN THIS SITUATION...

THIS IS REALLY AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR! MY ADVICE TO YOU IS TO NOTIFY THE UNITED NATIONS AT ONCE AND TO POST SENTINELS AROUND GRANACO FOR YOUR DEFENSE! HOWEVER, I WILL LAY OUT A DEFENSE PLAN FOR YOU--AND ACT AS YOUR ALLY!
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HERE--I'LL USE MY RING TO EXPLAIN WHERE THE SENTINELS SHOULD BE PLACED AND HOW YOU SHOULD DEPLOY YOUR SMALL ARMY...
WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT GREEN LANTERN?
BUT THEN, ABRUPTLY...
SOME MYSTERIOUS FORCE--WORKING THROUGH MY RING--IS COMPELLING ME TO MAKE A SKETCH SHOWING HOW SONAR WILL SHATTER ME WITH HIS SUPERSONIC GUN!
GREAT GUARDIANS! THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT MY RING HAS ACTED ODDLY TODAY! IF I WERE SUPERSTITIOUS, I WOULD THINK THIS SKETCH MY POWER BEAM HAS JUST MADE--ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF MY WILL POWER--IS AN ILL OMEN--AND PORTENDS DISASTER! BUT I REFUSE TO BELIEVE ANY SUCH THING!
AH! MY RING IS ACTING NORMALLY AGAIN--AND AS LONG AS IT WORKS, I WILL CONTINUE THIS STRUGGLE AGAINST SONAR AND HIS EVIL THRUST TOWARD POWER!
LET US CONTINUE OUR PLANS, HIGHNESS!
MEANWHILE IN HIS HIDEAWAY ACROSS THE BORDER, A WOULD-BE CONQUEROR BROODS...
ONLY GREEN LANTERN STANDS BETWEEN MY BELOVED MODORA--AND ITS RIGHTFUL DESTINY AS A GREAT POWER IN THE WORLD! ONLY GREEN LANTERN KEEPS MODORA--AND ME--FROM CONQUERING GRANACO! BUT I WILL NOT LET HIM STOP ME!
I HAVE "SOUPED UP" MY TUNING FORK GUN--WHICH SHOOTS OUT ULTRA-POWERFUL SUPERSONIC VIBRATIONS--TO AN EVEN HIGHER FORCE! FOR THE GLORY OF MODORA I SHALL GO AND BATTLE GREEN LANTERN--AND DEFEAT HIM ... OR PERISH!
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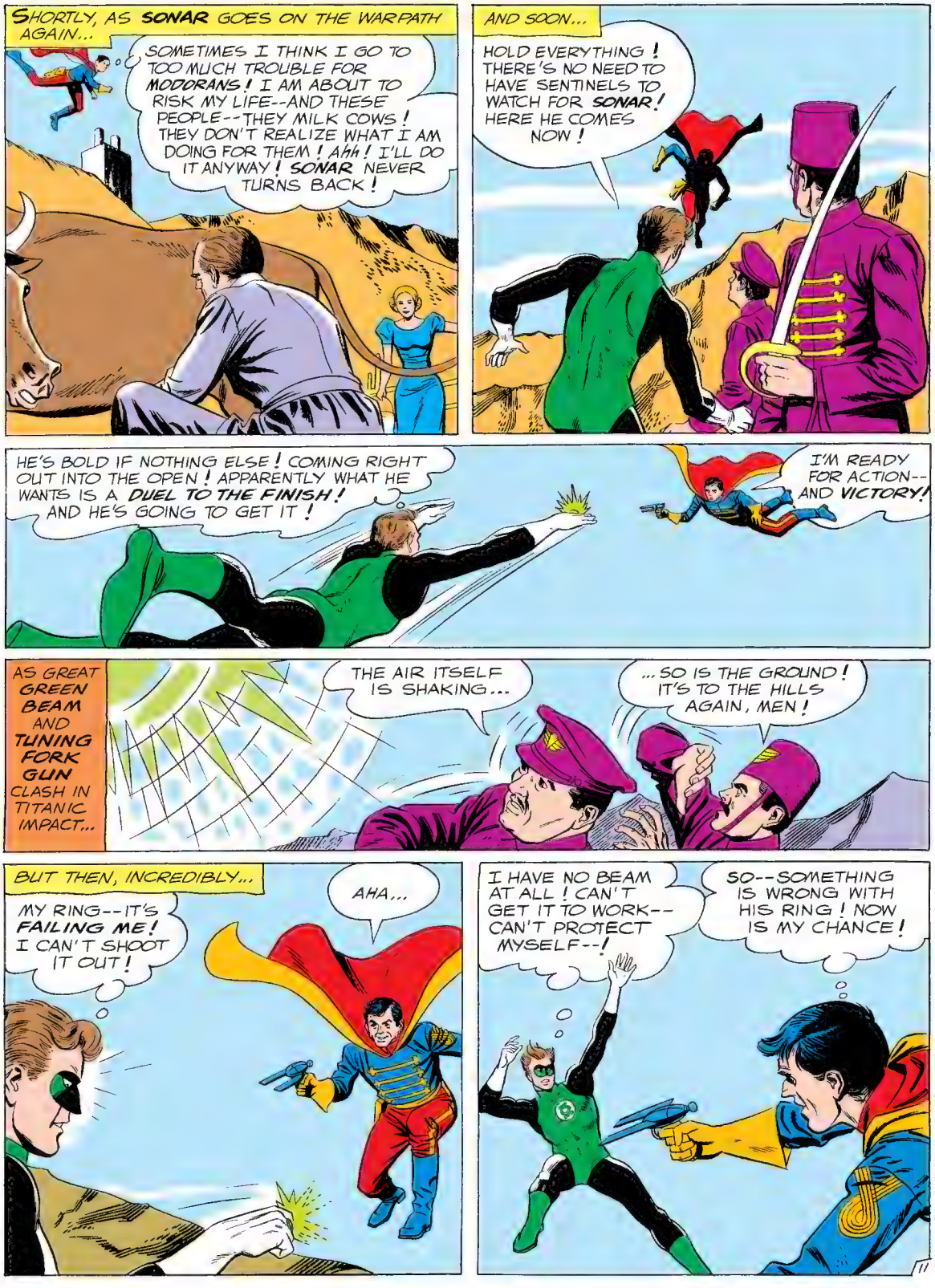
SHORTLY, AS SONAR GOES ON THE WARPATH AGAIN...
SOMETIMES I THINK I GO TO TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR MODORANS! I AM ABOUT TO RISK MY LIFE--AND THESE PEOPLE--THEY MILK COWS! THEY DON'T REALIZE WHAT I AM DOING FOR THEM! Ahh! I'LL DO IT ANYWAY! SONAR NEVER TURNS BACK!
AND SOON...
HOLD EVERYTHING! THERE'S NO NEED TO HAVE SENTINELS TO WATCH FOR SONAR! HERE HE COMES NOW!
HE'S BOLD IF NOTHING ELSE! COMING RIGHT OUT INTO THE OPEN! APPARENTLY WHAT HE WANTS IS A DUEL TO THE FINISH! AND HE'S GOING TO GET IT!
I'M READY FOR ACTION-- AND VICTORY!
AS GREAT GREEN BEAM AND TUNING FORK GUN CLASH IN TITANIC IMPACT...
THE AIR ITSELF IS SHAKING...
... SO IS THE GROUND! IT'S TO THE HILLS AGAIN, MEN!
BUT THEN, INCREDIBLY...
MY RING--IT'S FAILING ME! I CAN'T SHOOT IT OUT!
AHA...
I HAVE NO BEAM AT ALL! CAN'T GET IT TO WORK-- CAN'T PROTECT MYSELF--!
SO--SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH HIS RING! NOW IS MY CHANCE!
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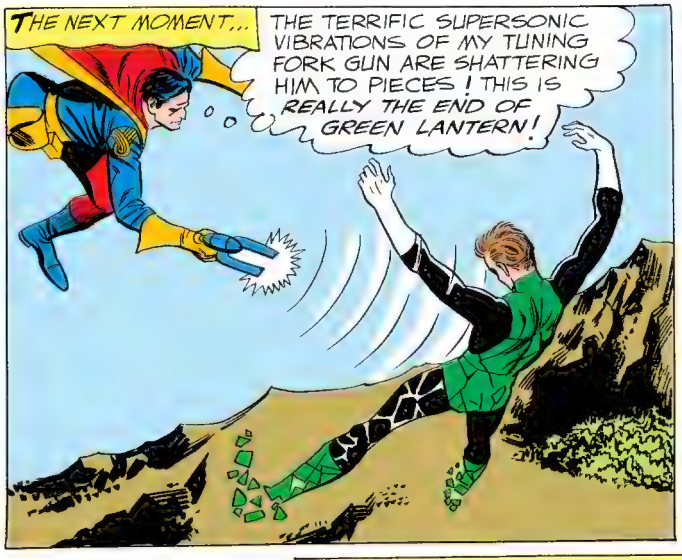
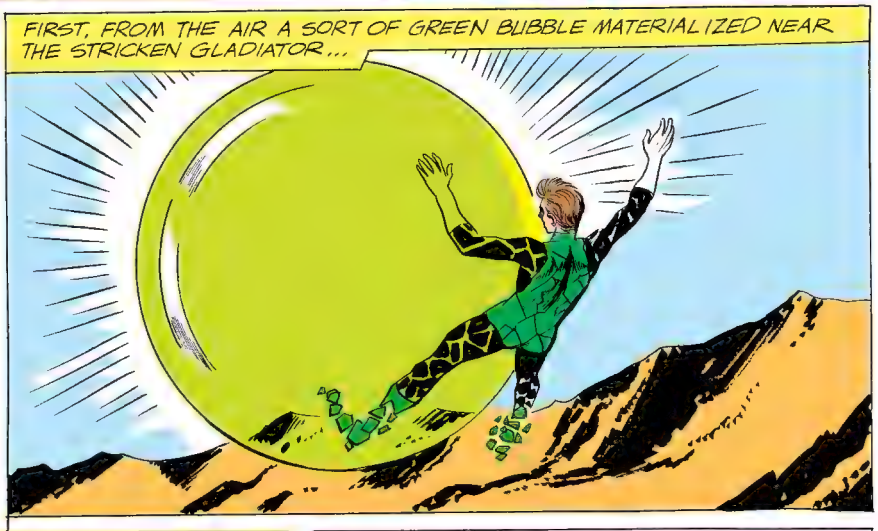
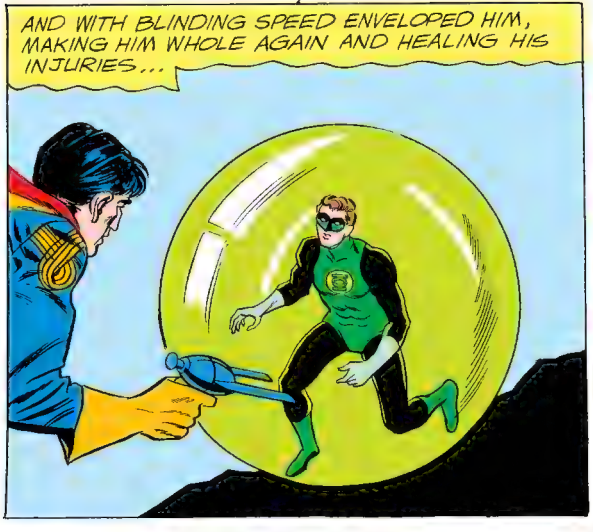
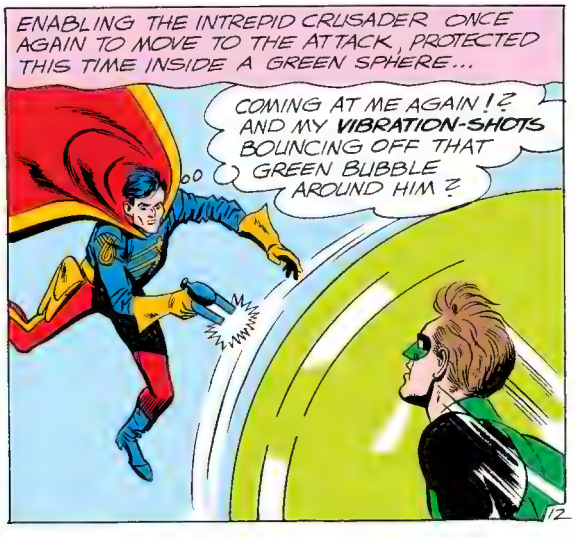


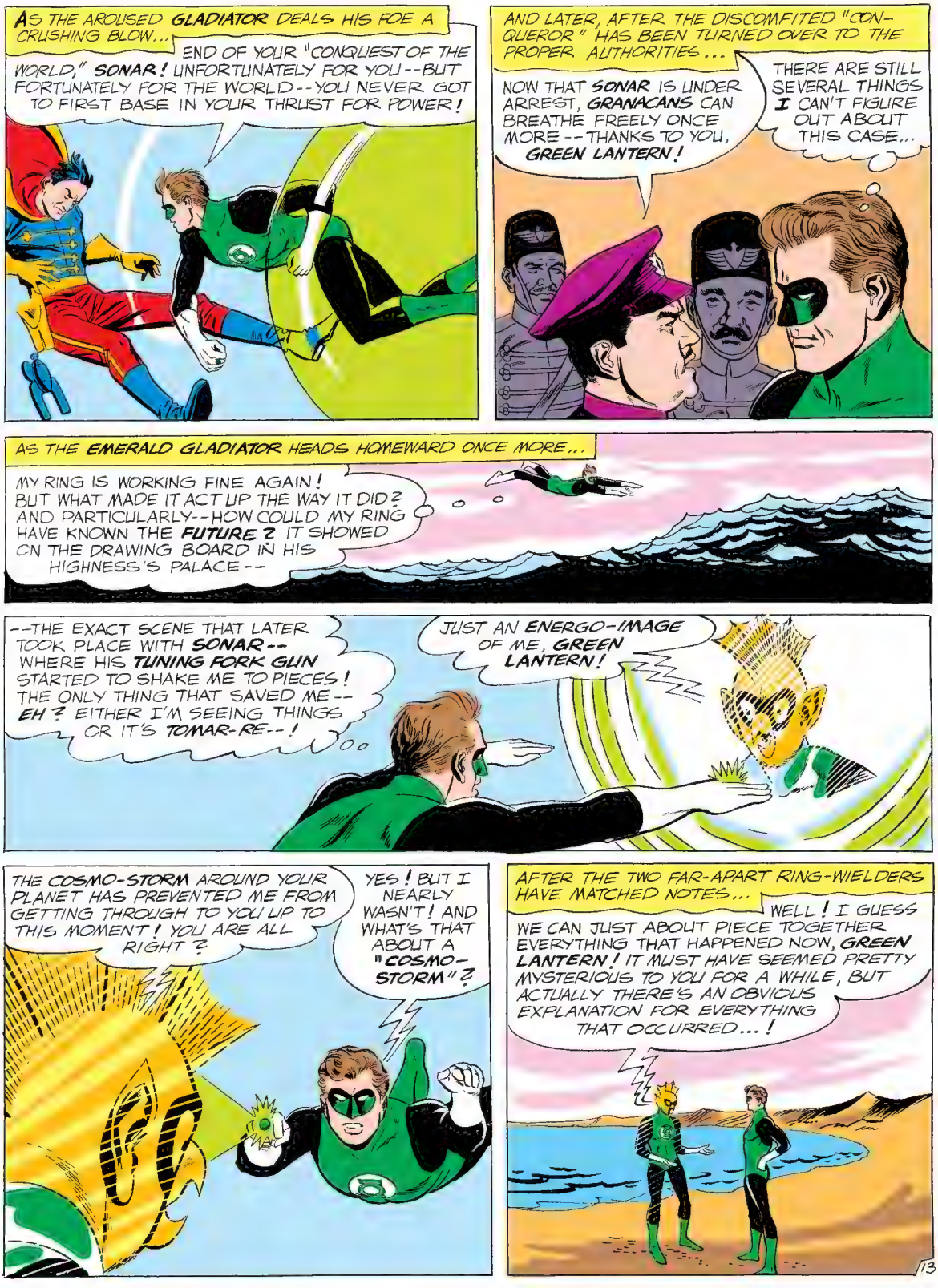
WHAT IS IT THAT HAS SO ASTONISHED AND DISMAYED SONAR?!

LET US GO OVER THE AMAZING ACTION IN SLOW MOTION-- ALTHOUGH IN REALITY IT TOOK BUT THE BRIEFEST INSTANT!








AS THE AROUSED GLADIATOR DEALS HIS FOE A CRUSHING BLOW...
END OF YOUR "CONQUEST OF THE WORLD," SONAR! UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU--BUT FORTUNATELY FOR THE WORLD--YOU NEVER GOT TO FIRST BASE IN YOUR THRUST FOR POWER!
AND LATER, AFTER THE DISCOMFITED "CONQUEROR" HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES...
NOW THAT SONAR IS UNDER ARREST, GRANACANS CAN BREATHE FREELY ONCE MORE--THANKS TO YOU, GREEN LANTERN!
THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL THINGS I CAN'T FIGURE OUT ABOUT THIS CASE...
AS THE EMERALD GLADIATOR HEADS HOMEWARD ONCE MORE...
MY RING IS WORKING FINE AGAIN! BUT WHAT MADE IT ACT UP THE WAY IT DID? AND PARTICULARLY--HOW COULD MY RING HAVE KNOWN THE FUTURE? IT SHOWED ON THE DRAWING BOARD IN HIS HIGHNESS'S PALACE--
--THE EXACT SCENE THAT LATER TOOK PLACE WITH SONAR-- WHERE HIS TUNING FORK GUN STARTED TO SHAKE ME TO PIECES! THE ONLY THING THAT SAVED ME-- EH? EITHER I'M SEEING THINGS OR IT'S TOMAR-RE--!
JUST AN ENERGO-IMAGE OF ME, GREEN LANTERN!
THE COSMO-STORM AROUND YOUR PLANET HAS PREVENTED ME FROM GETTING THROUGH TO YOU UP TO THIS MOMENT! YOU ARE ALL RIGHT?
YES! BUT I NEARLY WASN'T! AND WHAT'S THAT ABOUT A "COSMO-STORM"?
AFTER THE TWO FAR-APART RING-WIELDERS HAVE MATCHED NOTES...
WELL! I GUESS WE CAN JUST ABOUT PIECE TOGETHER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED NOW, GREEN LANTERN! IT MUST HAVE SEEMED PRETTY MYSTERIOUS TO YOU FOR A WHILE, BUT ACTUALLY THERE'S AN OBVIOUS EXPLANATION FOR EVERYTHING THAT OCCURRED...!
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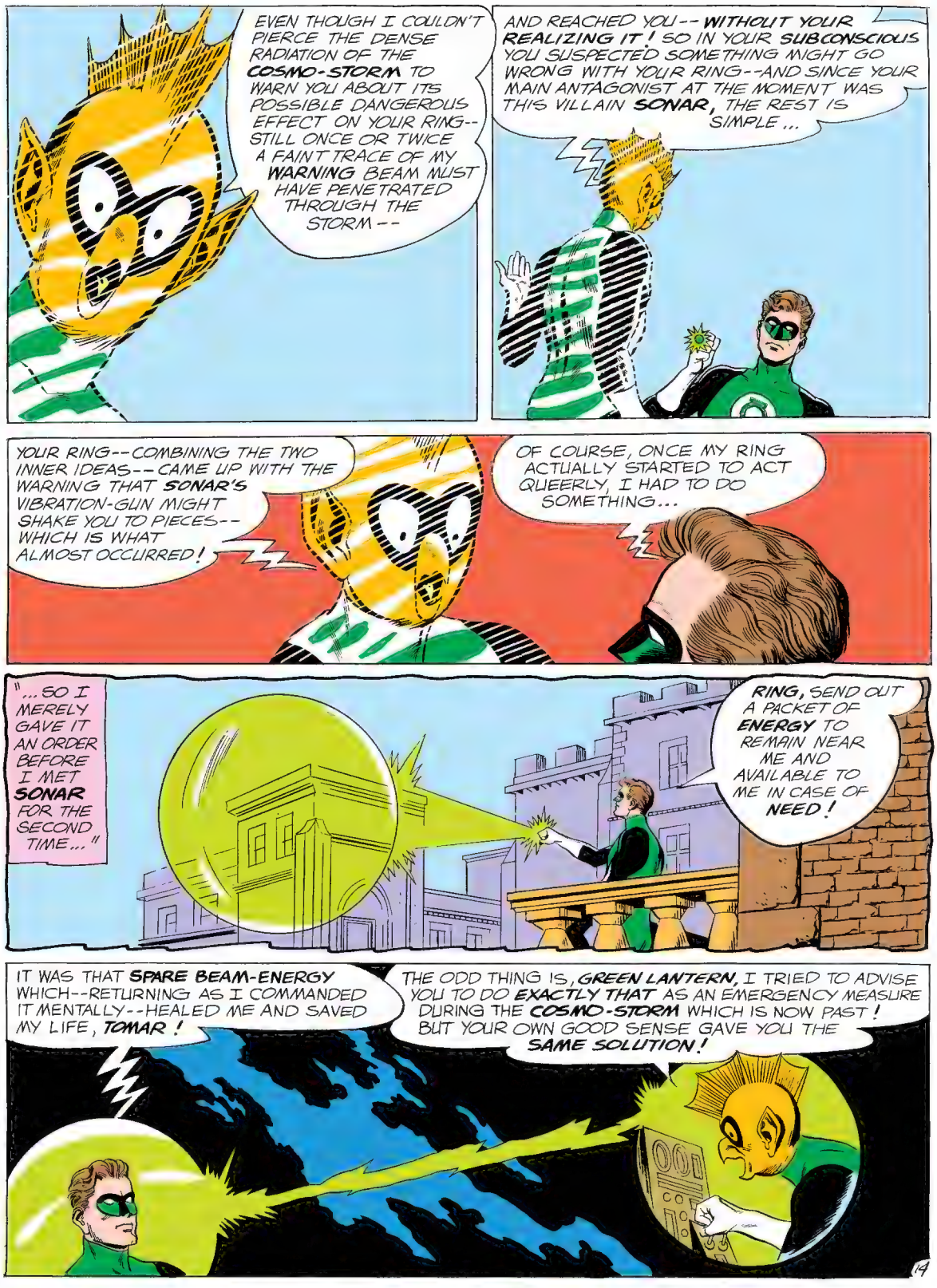
EVEN THOUGH I COULDN'T PIERCE THE DENSE RADIATION OF THE COSMO-STORM TO WARN YOU ABOUT ITS POSSIBLE DANGEROUS EFFECT ON YOUR RING--STILL ONCE OR TWICE A FAINT TRACE OF MY WARNING BEAM MUST HAVE PENETRATED THROUGH THE STORM--
AND REACHED YOU--WITHOUT YOUR REALIZING IT! SO IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS YOU SUSPECTED SOMETHING MIGHT GO WRONG WITH YOUR RING--AND SINCE YOUR MAIN ANTAGONIST AT THE MOMENT WAS THIS VILLAIN SONAR, THE REST IS SIMPLE...
YOUR RING--COMBINING THE TWO INNER IDEAS--CAME UP WITH THE WARNING THAT SONAR'S VIBRATION-GUN MIGHT SHAKE YOU TO PIECES--WHICH IS WHAT ALMOST OCCURRED!
OF COURSE, ONCE MY RING ACTUALLY STARTED TO ACT QUEERLY, I HAD TO DO SOMETHING...
"...SO I MERELY GAVE IT AN ORDER BEFORE I MET SONAR FOR THE SECOND TIME..."
RING, SEND OUT A PACKET OF ENERGY TO REMAIN NEAR ME AND AVAILABLE TO ME IN CASE OF NEED!
IT WAS THAT SPARE BEAM-ENERGY WHICH--RETURNING AS I COMMANDED IT MENTALLY--HEALED ME AND SAVED MY LIFE, TOMAR!
THE ODD THING IS, GREEN LANTERN, I TRIED TO ADVISE YOU TO DO EXACTLY THAT AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE DURING THE COSMO-STORM WHICH IS NOW PAST! BUT YOUR OWN GOOD SENSE GAVE YOU THE SAME SOLUTION!
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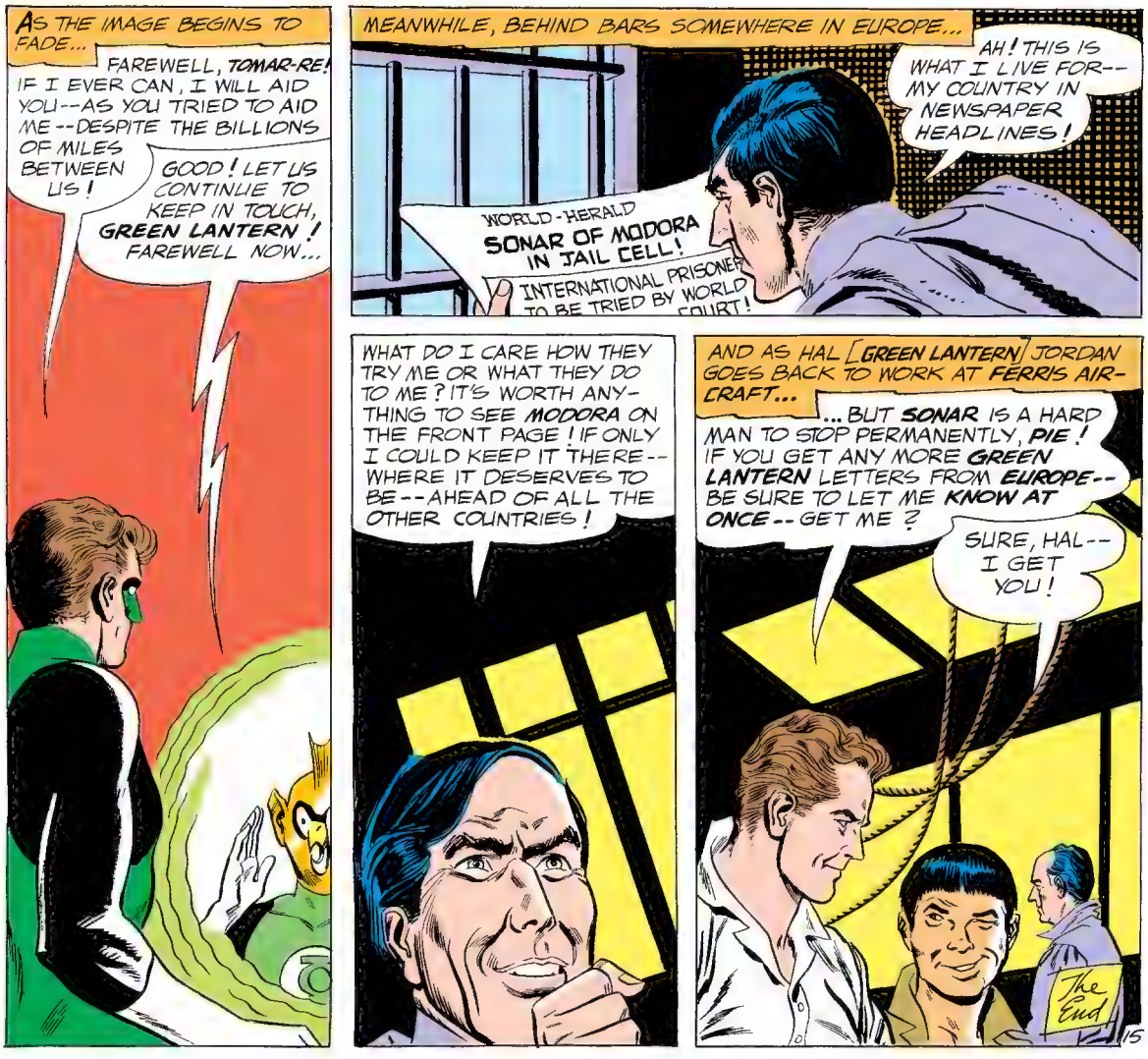
AS THE IMAGE BEGINS TO FADE...
FAREWELL, TOMAR-RE! IF I EVER CAN, I WILL AID YOU--AS YOU TRIED TO AID ME--DESPITE THE BILLIONS OF MILES BETWEEN US!
GOOD! LET US CONTINUE TO KEEP IN TOUCH, GREEN LANTERN! FAREWELL NOW...
MEANWHILE, BEHIND BARS SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE...
AH! THIS IS WHAT I LIVE FOR--MY COUNTRY IN NEWSPAPER HEADLINES!
WORLD-HERALD
SONAR OF MODORA IN JAIL CELL!
INTERNATIONAL PRISONER TO BE TRIED BY WORLD COURT!
WHAT DO I CARE HOW THEY TRY ME OR WHAT THEY DO TO ME? IT'S WORTH ANYTHING TO SEE MODORA ON THE FRONT PAGE! IF ONLY I COULD KEEP IT THERE--WHERE IT DESERVES TO BE--AHEAD OF ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES!
AND AS HAL [GREEN LANTERN] JORDAN GOES BACK TO WORK AT FERRIS AIRCRAFT...
...BUT SONAR IS A HARD MAN TO STOP PERMANENTLY, PIE! IF YOU GET ANY MORE GREEN LANTERN LETTERS FROM EUROPE--BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW AT ONCE--GET ME?
SURE, HAL--I GET YOU!
The End
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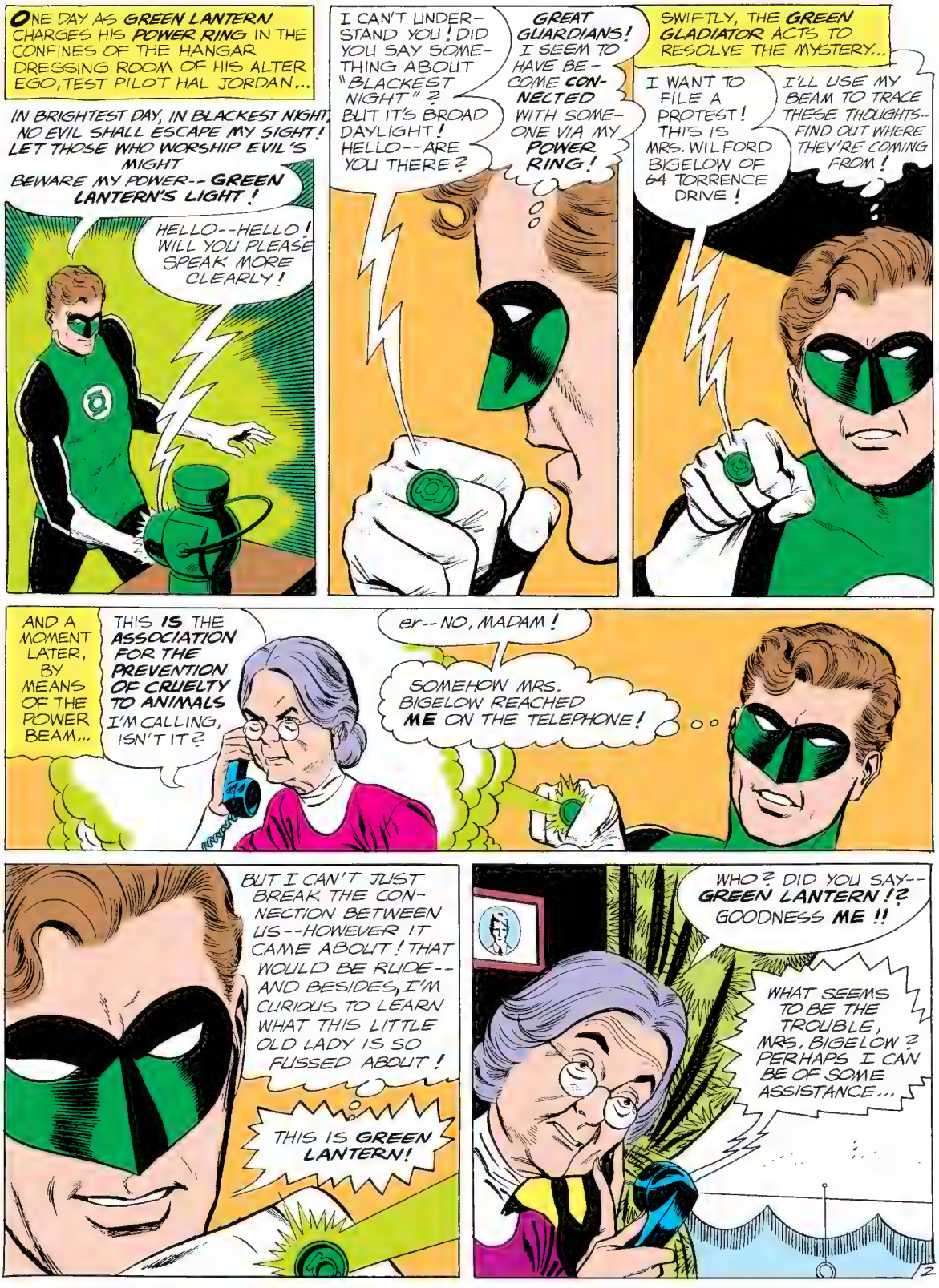
GREEN LANTERN
THE STARTLING SUDDENNESS WITH WHICH THESE ARMED THUGS APPEARED HAS SOMEHOW FROZEN MY WILL ! I CAN'T SEEM TO BRING MY POWER BEAM INTO PLAY--TO COUNTERATTACK!
THE DESPERADOES WERE CUNNING ENOUGH TO USE OLD-FASHIONED METHODS ! AS A RESULT, NO ONE COULD FIGURE OUT HOW THEY HAD MANAGED TO SLIP OUT OF TOWN AFTER THEIR DARING ROBBERY!
BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE TRICKY TRIO, GREEN LANTERN HAD A SECRET INFORMANT ! A KINDLY OLD LADY WHO SEEMED TO HAVE A SIXTH SENSE WHEN IT CAME TO EVIL-DOERS !
The TRAIL OF THE Horse-and-Buggy Bandits!


ONE DAY AS GREEN LANTERN CHARGES HIS POWER RING IN THE CONFINES OF THE HANGAR DRESSING ROOM OF HIS ALTER EGO, TEST PILOT HAL JORDAN...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
HELLO--HELLO! WILL YOU PLEASE SPEAK MORE CLEARLY!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU! DID YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT "BLACKEST NIGHT"? BUT IT'S BROAD DAYLIGHT! HELLO--ARE YOU THERE?
GREAT GUARDIANS! I SEEM TO HAVE BECOME CONNECTED WITH SOMEONE VIA MY POWER RING!
SWIFTLY, THE GREEN GLADIATOR ACTS TO RESOLVE THE MYSTERY...
I WANT TO FILE A PROTEST! THIS IS MRS. WILFORD BIGELOW OF 64 TORRENCE DRIVE!
I'LL USE MY BEAM TO TRACE THESE THOUGHTS--FIND OUT WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM!
AND A MOMENT LATER, BY MEANS OF THE POWER BEAM...
THIS IS THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS I'M CALLING, ISN'T IT?
er--NO, MADAM!
SOMEHOW MRS. BIGELOW REACHED ME ON THE TELEPHONE!
BUT I CAN'T JUST BREAK THE CONNECTION BETWEEN US--HOWEVER IT CAME ABOUT! THAT WOULD BE RUDE--AND BESIDES, I'M CURIOUS TO LEARN WHAT THIS LITTLE OLD LADY IS SO FUSSED ABOUT!
THIS IS GREEN LANTERN!
WHO? DID YOU SAY-- GREEN LANTERN!? GOODNESS ME!!
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE TROUBLE, MRS. BIGELOW? PERHAPS I CAN BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE...
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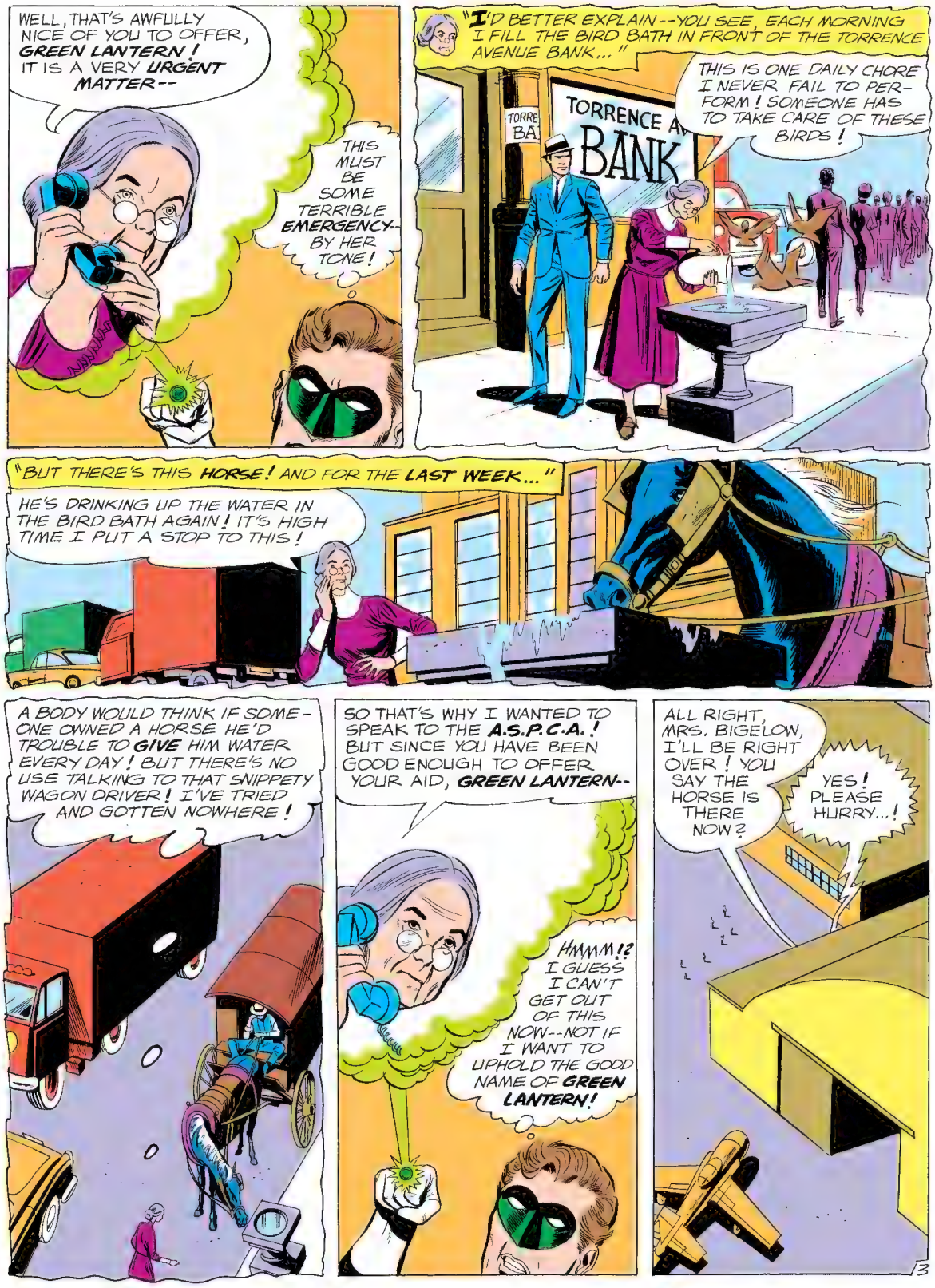
WELL, THAT'S AWFULLY NICE OF YOU TO OFFER, GREEN LANTERN! IT IS A VERY URGENT MATTER--
THIS MUST BE SOME TERRIBLE EMERGENCY-- BY HER TONE!
"I'D BETTER EXPLAIN--YOU SEE, EACH MORNING I FILL THE BIRD BATH IN FRONT OF THE TORRENCE AVENUE BANK..."
TORRENCE A BANK
THIS IS ONE DAILY CHORE I NEVER FAIL TO PERFORM! SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE CARE OF THESE BIRDS!
"BUT THERE'S THIS HORSE! AND FOR THE LAST WEEK..."
HE'S DRINKING UP THE WATER IN THE BIRD BATH AGAIN! IT'S HIGH TIME I PUT A STOP TO THIS!
A BODY WOULD THINK IF SOMEONE OWNED A HORSE HE'D TROUBLE TO GIVE HIM WATER EVERY DAY! BUT THERE'S NO USE TALKING TO THAT SNIPPETY WAGON DRIVER! I'VE TRIED AND GOTTEN NOWHERE!
SO THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE A.S.P.C.A.! BUT SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN GOOD ENOUGH TO OFFER YOUR AID, GREEN LANTERN--
HMMM!? I GUESS I CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS NOW--NOT IF I WANT TO UPHOLD THE GOOD NAME OF GREEN LANTERN!
ALL RIGHT, MRS. BIGELOW, I'LL BE RIGHT OVER! YOU SAY THE HORSE IS THERE NOW?
YES! PLEASE HURRY...!
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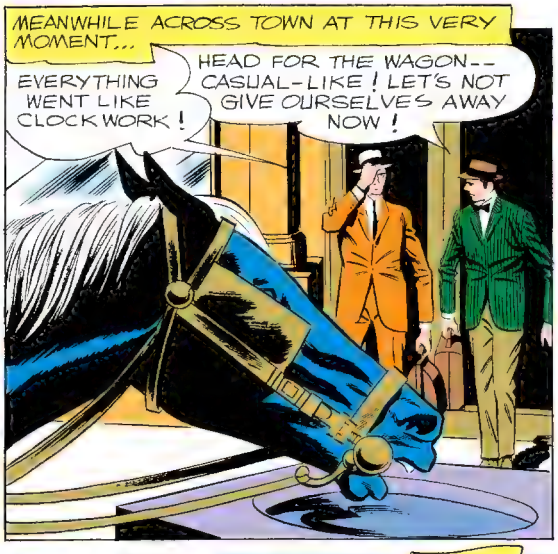
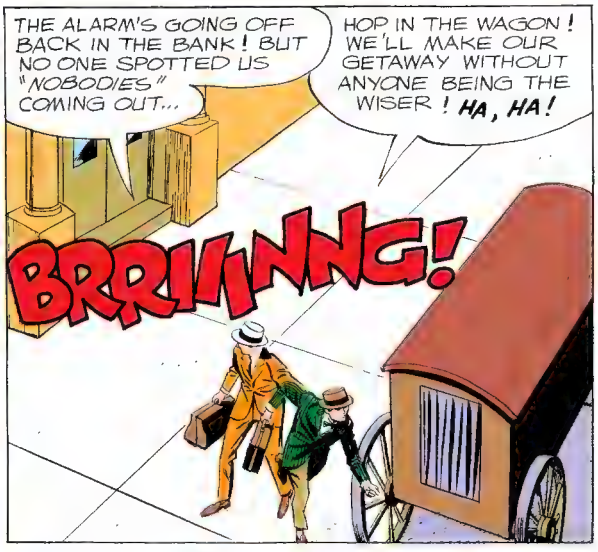
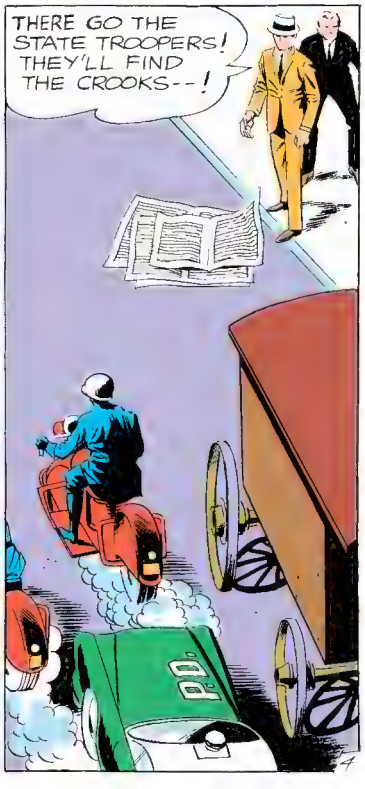
AS THE EMERALD GLADIATOR ZOOMS OFF, HIS RING BLAZING FORTH...
THIS IS REALLY A LITTLE OUT OF MY LINE! BUT MRS. BIGELOW DID SEEM SO UPSET! I GUESS IT WON'T HURT TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES TRYING TO HELP HER ...


MEANWHILE ACROSS TOWN AT THIS VERY MOMENT...
EVERYTHING WENT LIKE CLOCKWORK!
HEAD FOR THE WAGON-- CASUAL-LIKE! LET'S NOT GIVE OURSELVES AWAY NOW!


THE ALARM'S GOING OFF BACK IN THE BANK! BUT NO ONE SPOTTED US "NOBODIES" COMING OUT...
HOP IN THE WAGON! WE'LL MAKE OUR GETAWAY WITHOUT ANYONE BEING THE WISER! HA, HA!
BRRIIINNG!

GREEN LANTERN OUGHT TO BE HERE ANY MOMENT! OH, I SEE THE HORSE-AND-WAGON ARE MOVING ON! MAYBE THEY REALIZE I REPORTED THEM!
THE BANK ALARM--!?
BRRIIINNG!
BANK

SOON...
WHAT HAPPENED?
BANK ROBBERS! THEY LOCKED THE GUARDS AND TELLERS IN A VAULT--AND MADE THEIR GETAWAY! NO ONE KNOWS HOW!


THERE GO THE STATE TROOPERS! THEY'LL FIND THE CROOKS--!
P.D.

IT SEEMS THERE WAS A BANK HOLD-UP--JUST BEFORE I GOT HERE! BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF THE ROBBERS NOW--ONLY THESE TOWNSPEOPLE--AND MRS. BIGELOW!
GREEN LANTERN, YOU DID COME--JUST AS YOU SAID YOU WOULD!
THERE'S THE HORSE-AND-WAGON I TOLD YOU ABOUT! SNEAKING OFF! THEY PROBABLY KNOW YOU'RE AFTER THEM!
OH, I DOUBT THAT, MRS. BIGELOW! BUT--er--YOU WAIT HERE...
SINCE I CAME THIS FAR, I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH THAT WAGON DRIVER--AND POINT OUT TO HIM THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS! AT LEAST THAT WILL EASE MRS. BIGELOW'S MIND!
GEE YAP!
INSIDE THE RUMBLING OLD VEHICLE...
Heh! Heh! DID YOU SEE THOSE MOTORCYCLE COPS ZOOM BY?
CURTIS, I GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU! THIS CRIME-SCHEME OF YOURS EVEN BEATS OUT ALL THE OTHER TERRIFIC CAPERS WE'VE PULLED!
FIRST, WE PARK THIS HORSE-AND-WAGON EVERY DAY AT THE SAME HOUR IN FRONT OF THE BANK FOR A WHOLE WEEK--SO EVERYBODY WILL GET USED TO SEEING IT! THEN WE USE IT--AT THE RIGHT MOMENT--FOR OUR GETAWAY!
HA, HA! WHO WOULD EVER DREAM OF LOOKING FOR ESCAPING BANK ROBBERS IN A RATTLE-TRAP WAGON! YOUR PLAN IS WORKING OUT SMOOTH AS SILK!
NOTHING TO IT, NOTHING AT ALL--ULP! LOOK WHO'S COMING OUR WAY!
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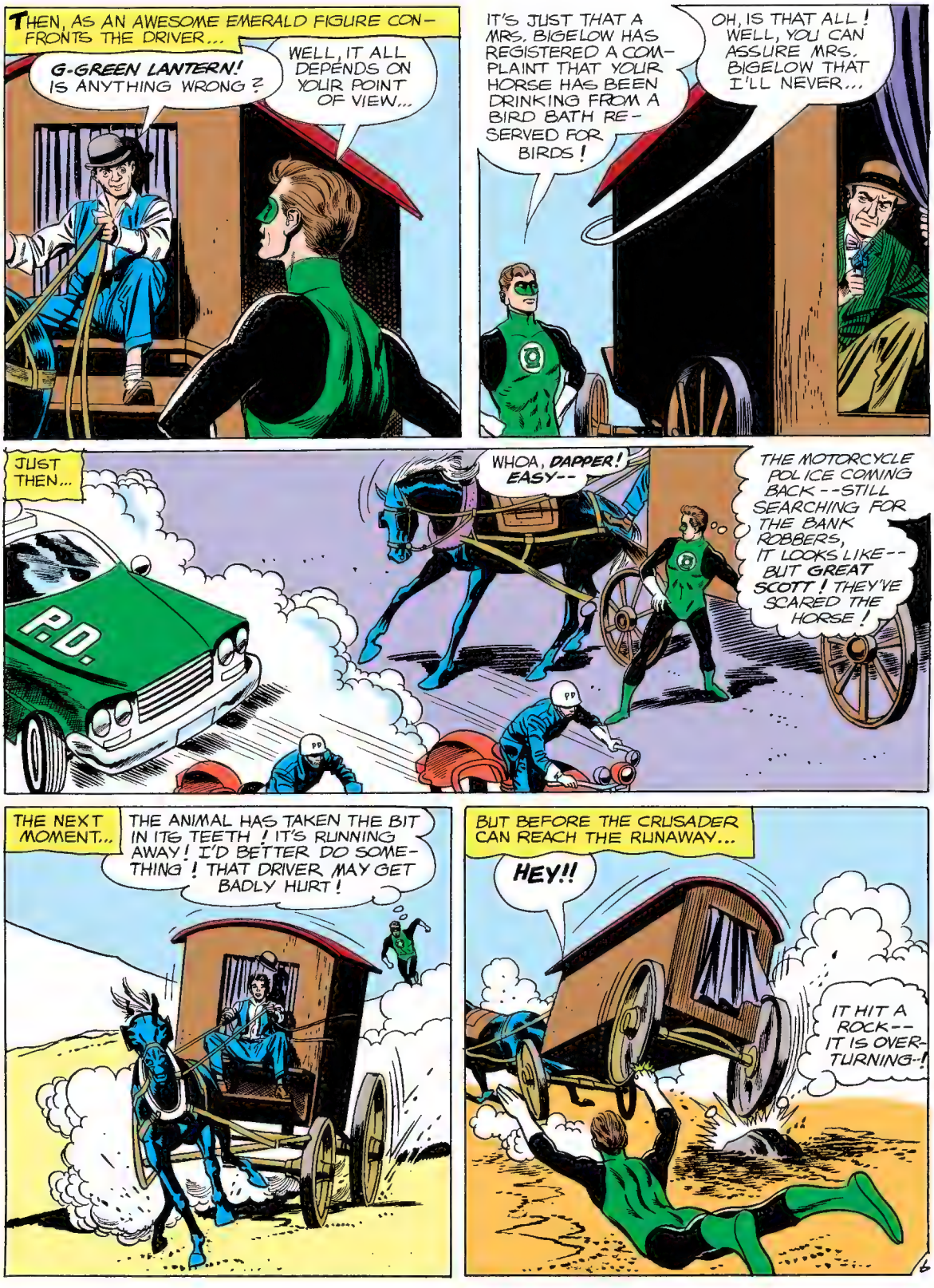
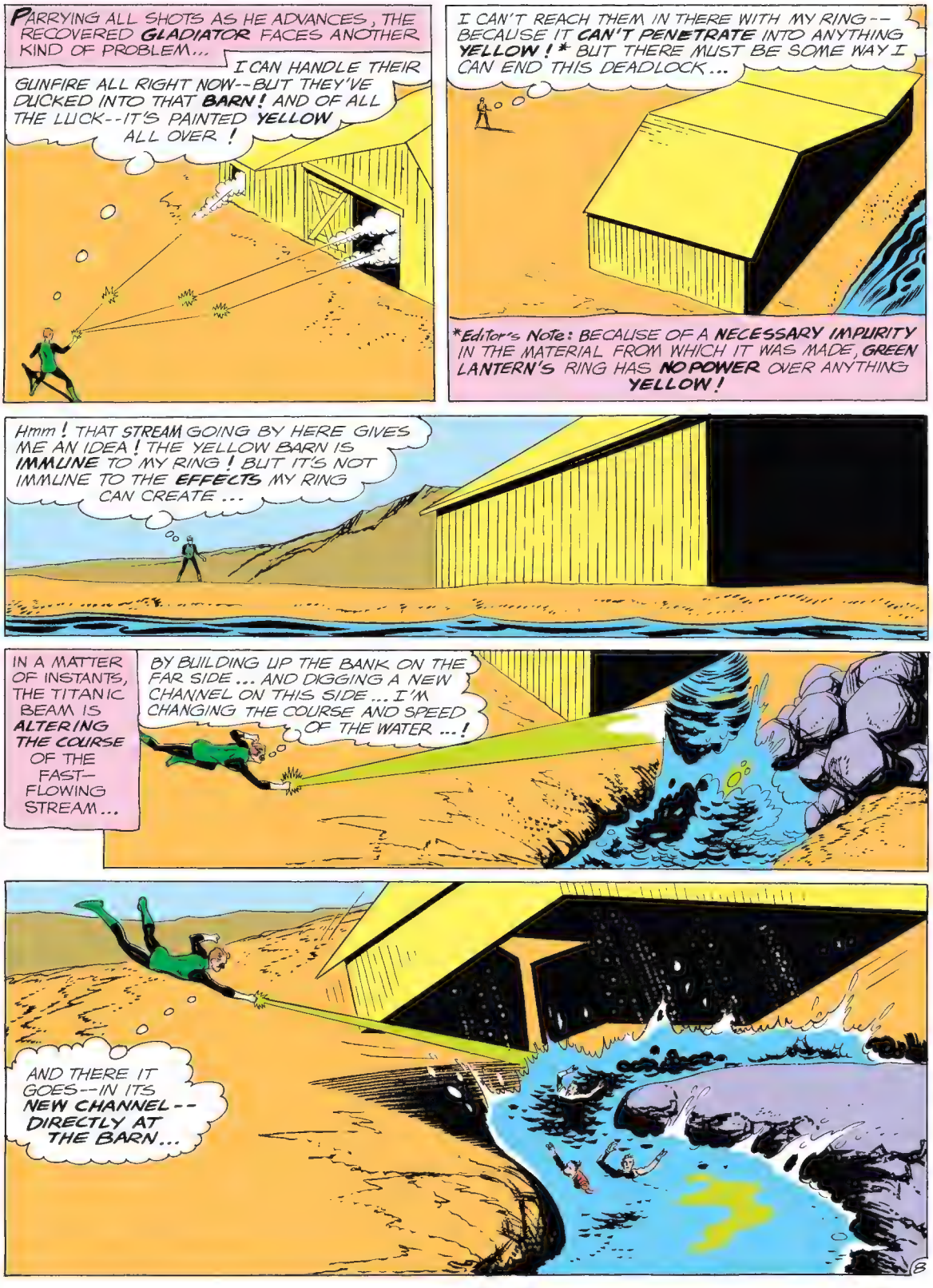
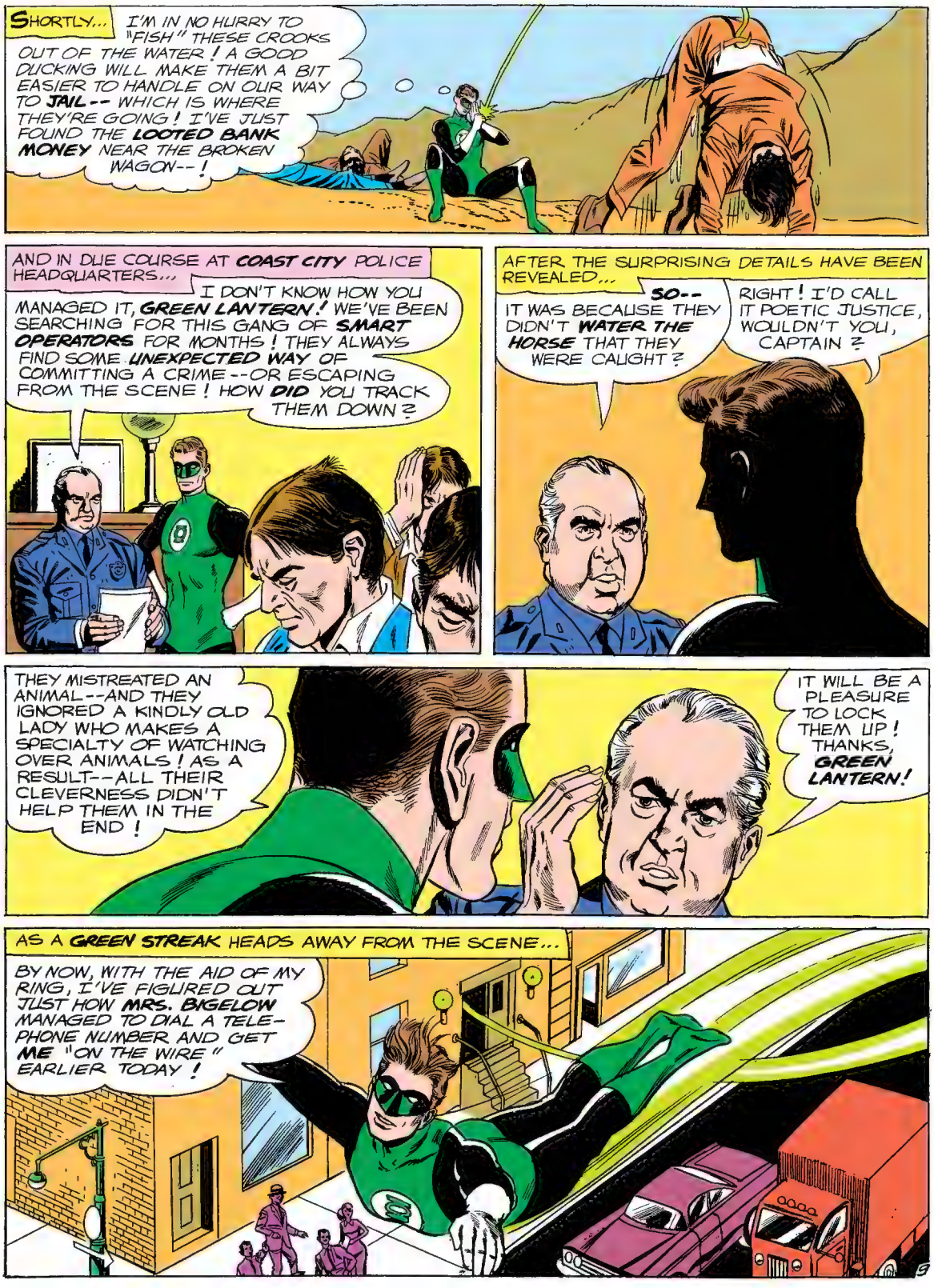
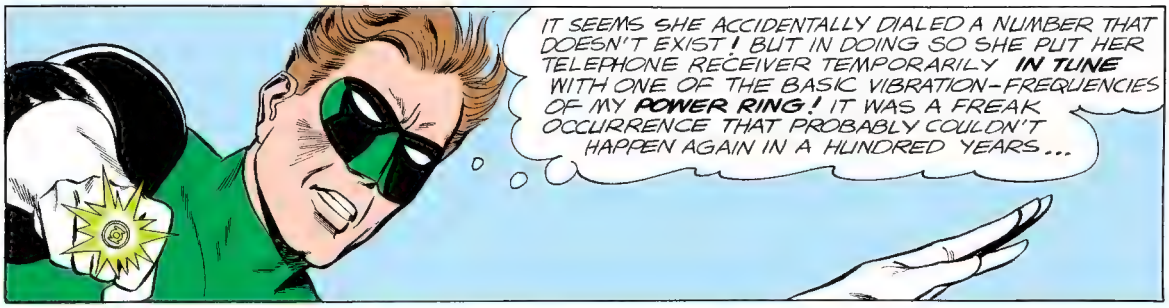

THEN, AS AN AWESOME EMERALD FIGURE CONFRONTS THE DRIVER...
G-GREEN LANTERN! IS ANYTHING WRONG?
WELL, IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW...
IT'S JUST THAT A MRS. BIGELOW HAS REGISTERED A COMPLAINT THAT YOUR HORSE HAS BEEN DRINKING FROM A BIRD BATH RESERVED FOR BIRDS!
OH, IS THAT ALL! WELL, YOU CAN ASSURE MRS. BIGELOW THAT I'LL NEVER...
JUST THEN...
P.D.
WHOA, DAPPER! EASY--
THE MOTORCYCLE POLICE COMING BACK--STILL SEARCHING FOR THE BANK ROBBERS, IT LOOKS LIKE--BUT GREAT SCOTT! THEY'VE SCARED THE HORSE!
THE NEXT MOMENT...
THE ANIMAL HAS TAKEN THE BIT IN ITS TEETH! IT'S RUNNING AWAY! I'D BETTER DO SOMETHING! THAT DRIVER MAY GET BADLY HURT!
BUT BEFORE THE CRUSADER CAN REACH THE RUNAWAY...
HEY!!
IT HIT A ROCK--IT IS OVERTURNING--!

AND WHEN THE WILD RIDE ENDS WITH A SPLATTERING SMASH...
THERE WERE TWO OTHER MEN IN IT!
WITHOUT DELAY, THE SCATTERED CROOKS OPEN FIRE ON A TOTALLY-UNSUSPECTING GREEN LANTERN...
FIRING AT ME-- FROM THREE DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS! UHH--! THE SUDDENNESS OF IT-- HAVING A PARALYZING EFFECT ON MY WILL! I CAN'T SEEM TO GET MY RING INTO ACTION TO DEFEND MYSELF--!
POW! POW! POW!
IN A SPLIT SECOND, THE USUALLY-MASTERFUL GLADIATOR SEES DEATH FLINGING AT HIM...
I KNOW NOW WHAT PEOPLE MEAN WHEN THEY SAY THEY "FROZE IN PLACE" FACING A MENACE! I--I SEEM ABSOLUTELY TURNED TO STONE! AND NO TIME TO BREAK THE SPELL --
ZIIP!
VIIP!
ZING!
THEN, WITH BLINDING SPEED, INCREDIBLY...
Whew!! I ALMOST FORGOT... THAT AS LONG AS IT'S CHARGED... MY POWER RING IN AN EMERGENCY WILL ACT BY ITSELF TO PROTECT ME FROM FATAL HARM...
VIP! SPLAT! VIP!
MY RING CREATED THAT CONCRETE-BLOCK BARRICADE IN THE NICK OF TIME! BUT I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE! THE PARALYSIS IS GONE! I CAN MOVE AGAIN-- AS THOSE THUGS ARE ABOUT TO FIND OUT!
MAKE A DASH FOR THAT BARN!


PARRYING ALL SHOTS AS HE ADVANCES, THE RECOVERED GLADIATOR FACES ANOTHER KIND OF PROBLEM...
I CAN HANDLE THEIR GUNFIRE ALL RIGHT NOW--BUT THEY'VE DUCKED INTO THAT BARN! AND OF ALL THE LUCK--IT'S PAINTED YELLOW ALL OVER!
I CAN'T REACH THEM IN THERE WITH MY RING--BECAUSE IT CAN'T PENETRATE INTO ANYTHING YELLOW!* BUT THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN END THIS DEADLOCK...
*Editor's Note: BECAUSE OF A NECESSARY IMPURITY IN THE MATERIAL FROM WHICH IT WAS MADE, GREEN LANTERN'S RING HAS NO POWER OVER ANYTHING YELLOW!
Hmm! THAT STREAM GOING BY HERE GIVES ME AN IDEA! THE YELLOW BARN IS IMMUNE TO MY RING! BUT IT'S NOT IMMUNE TO THE EFFECTS MY RING CAN CREATE...
IN A MATTER OF INSTANTS, THE TITANIC BEAM IS ALTERING THE COURSE OF THE FAST-FLOWING STREAM...
BY BUILDING UP THE BANK ON THE FAR SIDE... AND DIGGING A NEW CHANNEL ON THIS SIDE... I'M CHANGING THE COURSE AND SPEED OF THE WATER...!
AND THERE IT GOES--IN ITS NEW CHANNEL--DIRECTLY AT THE BARN...


SHORTLY...
I'M IN NO HURRY TO "FISH" THESE CROOKS OUT OF THE WATER! A GOOD DUCKING WILL MAKE THEM A BIT EASIER TO HANDLE ON OUR WAY TO JAIL -- WHICH IS WHERE THEY'RE GOING! I'VE JUST FOUND THE LOOTED BANK MONEY NEAR THE BROKEN WAGON--!
AND IN DUE COURSE AT COAST CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU MANAGED IT, GREEN LANTERN! WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THIS GANG OF SMART OPERATORS FOR MONTHS! THEY ALWAYS FIND SOME UNEXPECTED WAY OF COMMITTING A CRIME--OR ESCAPING FROM THE SCENE! HOW DID YOU TRACK THEM DOWN?
AFTER THE SURPRISING DETAILS HAVE BEEN REVEALED...
SO-- IT WAS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WATER THE HORSE THAT THEY WERE CAUGHT?
RIGHT! I'D CALL IT POETIC JUSTICE, WOULDN'T YOU, CAPTAIN?
THEY MISTREATED AN ANIMAL--AND THEY IGNORED A KINDLY OLD LADY WHO MAKES A SPECIALTY OF WATCHING OVER ANIMALS! AS A RESULT--ALL THEIR CLEVERNESS DIDN'T HELP THEM IN THE END!
IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO LOCK THEM UP! THANKS, GREEN LANTERN!
AS A GREEN STREAK HEADS AWAY FROM THE SCENE...
BY NOW, WITH THE AID OF MY RING, I'VE FIGURED OUT JUST HOW MRS. BIGELOW MANAGED TO DIAL A TELEPHONE NUMBER AND GET ME "ON THE WIRE" EARLIER TODAY!


IT SEEMS SHE ACCIDENTALLY DIALED A NUMBER THAT DOESN'T EXIST! BUT IN DOING SO SHE PUT HER TELEPHONE RECEIVER TEMPORARILY IN TUNE WITH ONE OF THE BASIC VIBRATION-FREQUENCIES OF MY POWER RING! IT WAS A FREAK OCCURRENCE THAT PROBABLY COULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN IN A HUNDRED YEARS...

BUT TO MAKE CERTAIN IT NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN, I'VE USED MY POWER BEAM TO "BREAK THE CONNECTION" BETWEEN US! OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE A CHANCE THAT POWER FROM MY RING MIGHT SPURT THROUGH MRS. BIGELOW'S TELEPHONE SOME DAY AND INJURE HER--!

WITH HIS WORK DAY OVER, HAL JORDAN WALKS HOME A NEW WAY THIS TIME...
THERE SHE IS--READING ALL ABOUT THE INCIDENT! Hmm! I HAVE A STRONG FEELING THAT AS LONG AS KINDLY OLD LADIES LIKE MRS. BIGELOW ARE AROUND... WORRYING ABOUT THE FATE OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS...

...THIS COUNTRY WILL ALWAYS BE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN!
GOODNESS GRACIOUS! DID THAT YOUNG MAN RAISE HIS HAT TO ME? BUT I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE! I WONDER WHAT MADE HIM DO IT--?
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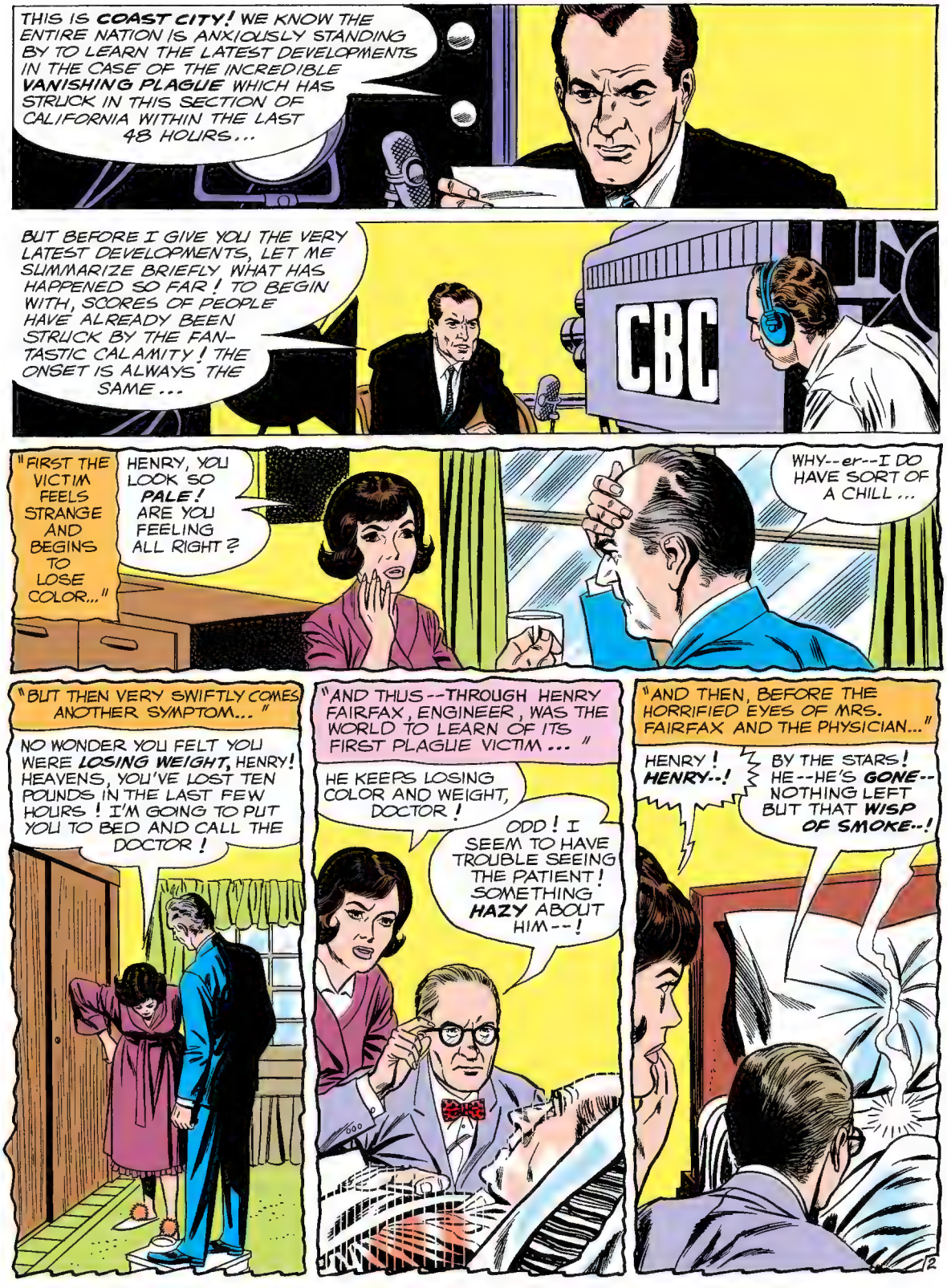
I'VE GOT ONLY A MOMENT TO CHARGE GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING AND SAVE HIM FROM FADING AWAY INTO NOTHINGNESS!
A BOOK-LENGTH NOVEL CO-STARRING
GREEN LANTERN
AND The FLASH --
in "PARASITE PLANET PERIL!"

GREEN LANTERN
CO-STARRING The FLASH
PARASITE PLANET PERIL!
IF YOU, GREEN LANTERN, USE YOUR POWER BEAM -- OR IF YOU, FLASH, USE YOUR SUPER-SPEED -- IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY DESTROY THE TWO PEOPLE YOU SEE IN THIS VIEWER !
IRIS... AND CAROL !
IS THERE ANY WAY OF SAVING THEM -- WITHOUT USING OUR SUPER-POWERS ?
IN THE SUBATOMIC WORLD OF MIKRIDION, INDOMITABLE GREEN LANTERN AND UNCONQUERABLE FLASH FIND THEMSELVES -- FOR ONCE IN THEIR CAREERS -- UTTERLY STYMIED BY THE MOST CUNNINGLY RUTHLESS BEINGS IN THEIR EXPERIENCE ... A CIVILIZATION WHICH GREW STRONG AND POWERFUL ... BUT ONLY AT THE EXPENSE OF HUMAN BEINGS !


THIS IS COAST CITY! WE KNOW THE ENTIRE NATION IS ANXIOUSLY STANDING BY TO LEARN THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE OF THE INCREDIBLE VANISHING PLAGUE WHICH HAS STRUCK IN THIS SECTION OF CALIFORNIA WITHIN THE LAST 48 HOURS...
BUT BEFORE I GIVE YOU THE VERY LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, LET ME SUMMARIZE BRIEFLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR! TO BEGIN WITH, SCORES OF PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN STRUCK BY THE FANTASTIC CALAMITY! THE ONSET IS ALWAYS THE SAME...
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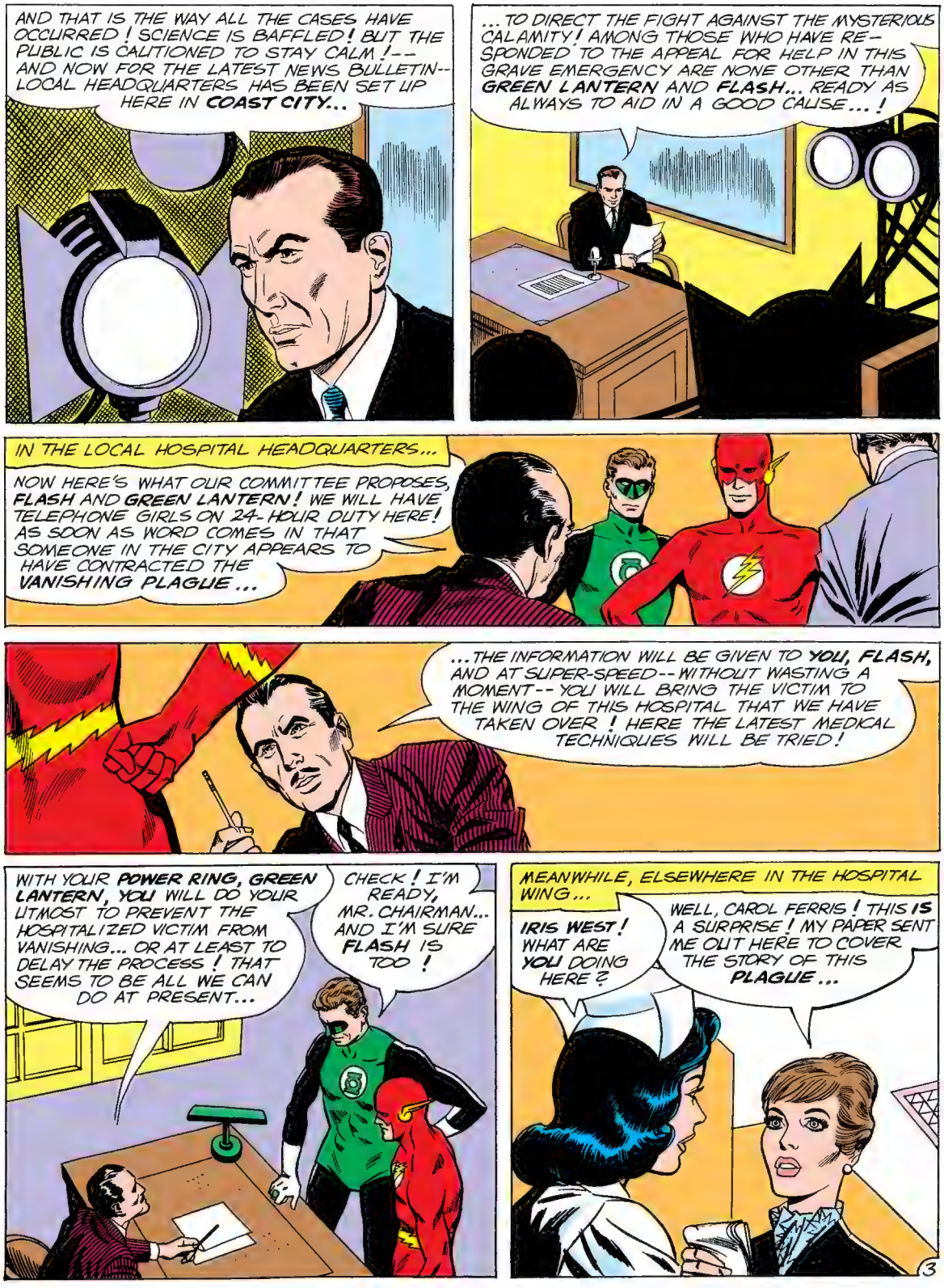
"FIRST THE VICTIM FEELS STRANGE AND BEGINS TO LOSE COLOR..."
HENRY, YOU LOOK SO PALE! ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
WHY--er--I DO HAVE SORT OF A CHILL...
"BUT THEN VERY SWIFTLY COMES ANOTHER SYMPTOM..."
NO WONDER YOU FELT YOU WERE LOSING WEIGHT, HENRY! HEAVENS, YOU'VE LOST TEN POUNDS IN THE LAST FEW HOURS! I'M GOING TO PUT YOU TO BED AND CALL THE DOCTOR!
"AND THUS--THROUGH HENRY FAIRFAX, ENGINEER, WAS THE WORLD TO LEARN OF ITS FIRST PLAGUE VICTIM..."
HE KEEPS LOSING COLOR AND WEIGHT, DOCTOR!
ODD! I SEEM TO HAVE TROUBLE SEEING THE PATIENT! SOMETHING HAZY ABOUT HIM--!
"AND THEN, BEFORE THE HORRIFIED EYES OF MRS. FAIRFAX AND THE PHYSICIAN..."
HENRY! HENRY--!
BY THE STARS! HE--HE'S GONE--NOTHING LEFT BUT THAT WISP OF SMOKE--!


AND THAT IS THE WAY ALL THE CASES HAVE OCCURRED! SCIENCE IS BAFFLED! BUT THE PUBLIC IS CAUTIONED TO STAY CALM!-- AND NOW FOR THE LATEST NEWS BULLETIN-- LOCAL HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN SET UP HERE IN COAST CITY...
...TO DIRECT THE FIGHT AGAINST THE MYSTERIOUS CALAMITY! AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THE APPEAL FOR HELP IN THIS GRAVE EMERGENCY ARE NONE OTHER THAN GREEN LANTERN AND FLASH... READY AS ALWAYS TO AID IN A GOOD CAUSE...!
IN THE LOCAL HOSPITAL HEADQUARTERS...
NOW HERE'S WHAT OUR COMMITTEE PROPOSES, FLASH AND GREEN LANTERN! WE WILL HAVE TELEPHONE GIRLS ON 24-HOUR DUTY HERE! AS SOON AS WORD COMES IN THAT SOMEONE IN THE CITY APPEARS TO HAVE CONTRACTED THE VANISHING PLAGUE...
...THE INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU, FLASH, AND AT SUPER-SPEED--WITHOUT WASTING A MOMENT--YOU WILL BRING THE VICTIM TO THE WING OF THIS HOSPITAL THAT WE HAVE TAKEN OVER! HERE THE LATEST MEDICAL TECHNIQUES WILL BE TRIED!
WITH YOUR POWER RING, GREEN LANTERN, YOU WILL DO YOUR UTMOST TO PREVENT THE HOSPITALIZED VICTIM FROM VANISHING... OR AT LEAST TO DELAY THE PROCESS! THAT SEEMS TO BE ALL WE CAN DO AT PRESENT...
CHECK! I'M READY, MR. CHAIRMAN... AND I'M SURE FLASH IS TOO!
MEANWHILE, ELSEWHERE IN THE HOSPITAL WING...
IRIS WEST! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WELL, CAROL FERRIS! THIS IS A SURPRISE! MY PAPER SENT ME OUT HERE TO COVER THE STORY OF THIS PLAGUE...
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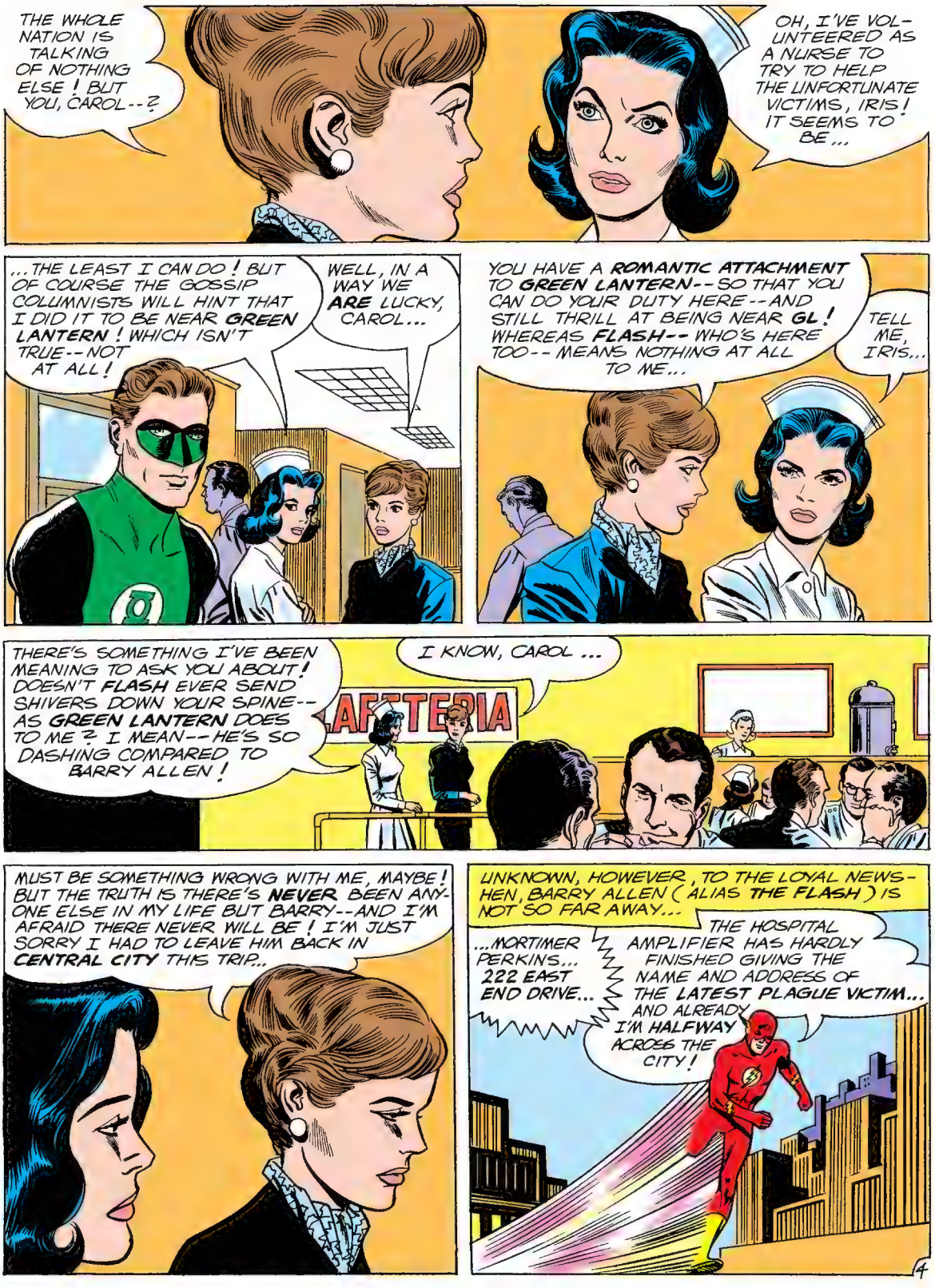
THE WHOLE NATION IS TALKING OF NOTHING ELSE ! BUT YOU, CAROL--?
OH, I'VE VOLUNTEERED AS A NURSE TO TRY TO HELP THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS, IRIS! IT SEEMS TO BE ...
...THE LEAST I CAN DO ! BUT OF COURSE THE GOSSIP COLUMNISTS WILL HINT THAT I DID IT TO BE NEAR GREEN LANTERN ! WHICH ISN'T TRUE--NOT AT ALL !
WELL, IN A WAY WE ARE LUCKY, CAROL...
YOU HAVE A ROMANTIC ATTACHMENT TO GREEN LANTERN--SO THAT YOU CAN DO YOUR DUTY HERE--AND STILL THRILL AT BEING NEAR GL ! WHEREAS FLASH-- WHO'S HERE TOO-- MEANS NOTHING AT ALL TO ME...
TELL ME, IRIS...
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU ABOUT ! DOESN'T FLASH EVER SEND SHIVERS DOWN YOUR SPINE-- AS GREEN LANTERN DOES TO ME ? I MEAN--HE'S SO DASHING COMPARED TO BARRY ALLEN !
I KNOW, CAROL ...
MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME, MAYBE ! BUT THE TRUTH IS THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYONE ELSE IN MY LIFE BUT BARRY--AND I'M AFRAID THERE NEVER WILL BE ! I'M JUST SORRY I HAD TO LEAVE HIM BACK IN CENTRAL CITY THIS TRIP...
UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, TO THE LOYAL NEWSHEN, BARRY ALLEN (ALIAS THE FLASH) IS NOT SO FAR AWAY...
...MORTIMER PERKINS... 222 EAST END DRIVE...
THE HOSPITAL AMPLIFIER HAS HARDLY FINISHED GIVING THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE LATEST PLAGUE VICTIM... AND ALREADY I'M HALFWAY ACROSS THE CITY !
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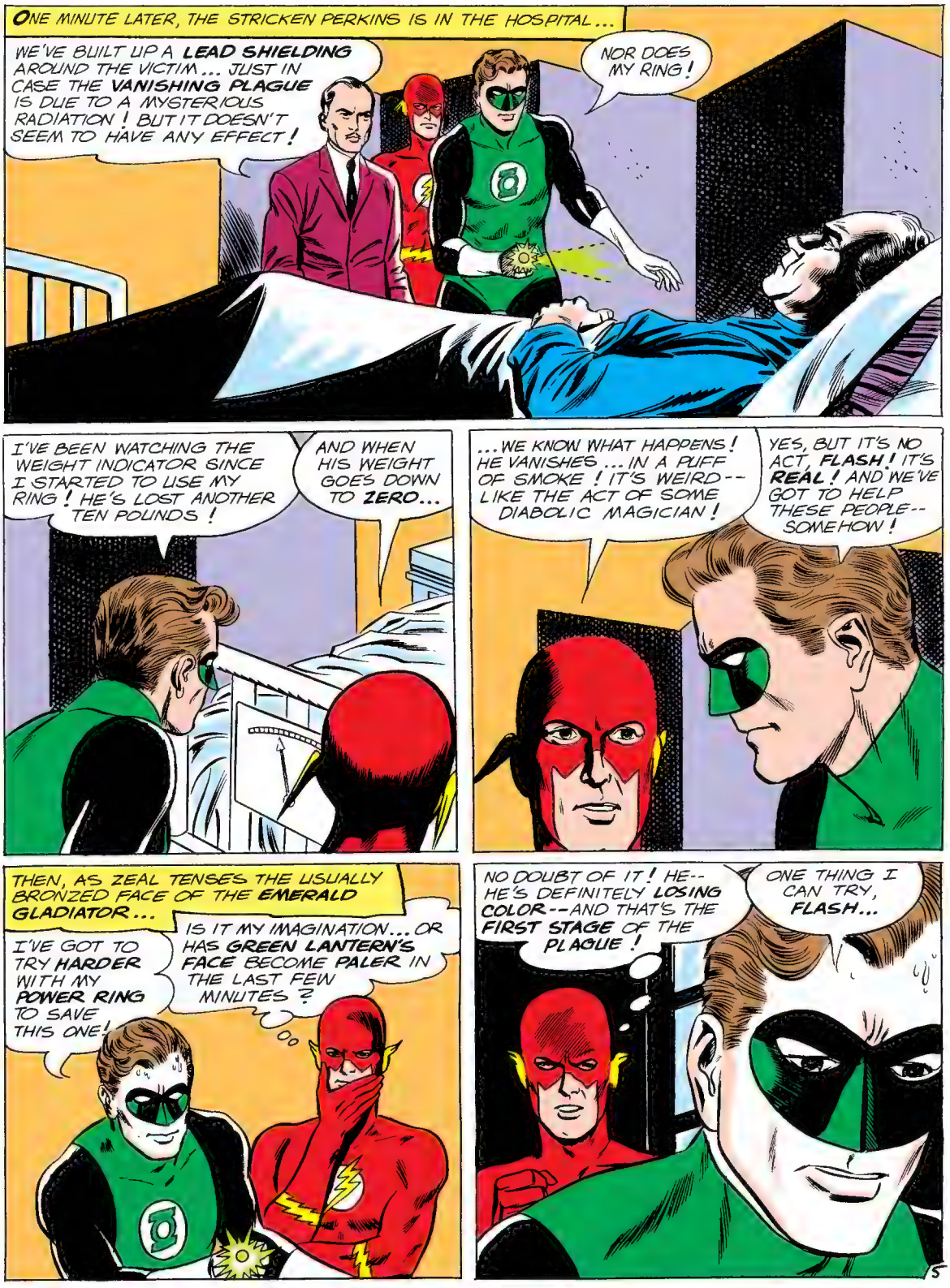
ONE MINUTE LATER, THE STRICKEN PERKINS IS IN THE HOSPITAL...
WE'VE BUILT UP A LEAD SHIELDING AROUND THE VICTIM... JUST IN CASE THE VANISHING PLAGUE IS DUE TO A MYSTERIOUS RADIATION! BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY EFFECT!
NOR DOES MY RING!
I'VE BEEN WATCHING THE WEIGHT INDICATOR SINCE I STARTED TO USE MY RING! HE'S LOST ANOTHER TEN POUNDS!
AND WHEN HIS WEIGHT GOES DOWN TO ZERO...
...WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENS! HE VANISHES... IN A PUFF OF SMOKE! IT'S WEIRD--LIKE THE ACT OF SOME DIABOLIC MAGICIAN!
YES, BUT IT'S NO ACT, FLASH! IT'S REAL! AND WE'VE GOT TO HELP THESE PEOPLE--SOMEHOW!
THEN, AS ZEAL TENSES THE USUALLY BRONZED FACE OF THE EMERALD GLADIATOR...
I'VE GOT TO TRY HARDER WITH MY POWER RING TO SAVE THIS ONE!
IS IT MY IMAGINATION... OR HAS GREEN LANTERN'S FACE BECOME PALER IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES?
NO DOUBT OF IT! HE--HE'S DEFINITELY LOSING COLOR--AND THAT'S THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PLAGUE!
ONE THING I CAN TRY, FLASH...
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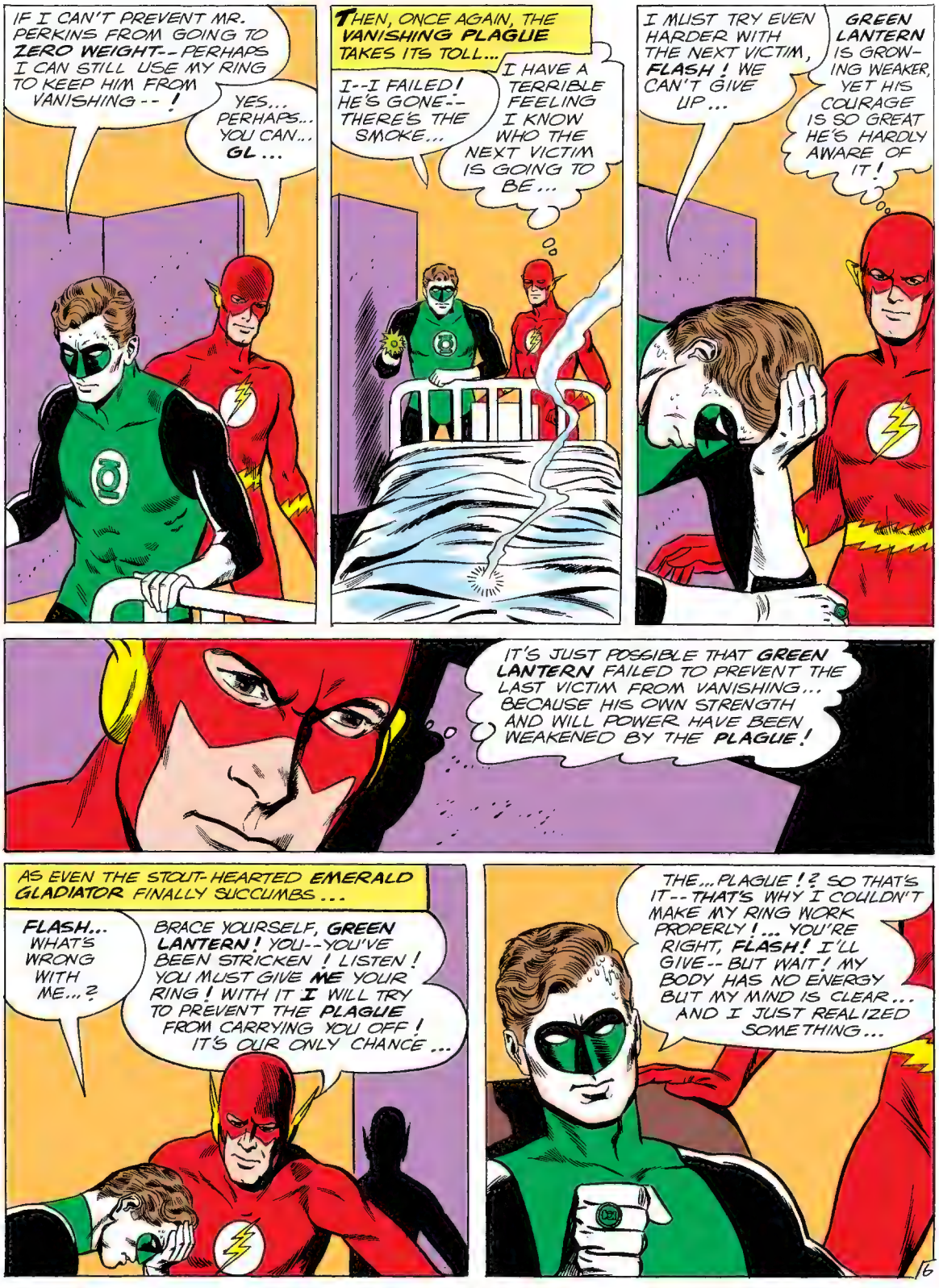
IF I CAN'T PREVENT MR. PERKINS FROM GOING TO ZERO WEIGHT-- PERHAPS I CAN STILL USE MY RING TO KEEP HIM FROM VANISHING -- !
YES... PERHAPS... YOU CAN... GL...
THEN, ONCE AGAIN, THE VANISHING PLAGUE TAKES ITS TOLL...
I--I FAILED! HE'S GONE-- THERE'S THE SMOKE...
I HAVE A TERRIBLE FEELING I KNOW WHO THE NEXT VICTIM IS GOING TO BE...
I MUST TRY EVEN HARDER WITH THE NEXT VICTIM, FLASH! WE CAN'T GIVE UP...
GREEN LANTERN IS GROWING WEAKER, YET HIS COURAGE IS SO GREAT HE'S HARDLY AWARE OF IT!
IT'S JUST POSSIBLE THAT GREEN LANTERN FAILED TO PREVENT THE LAST VICTIM FROM VANISHING... BECAUSE HIS OWN STRENGTH AND WILL POWER HAVE BEEN WEAKENED BY THE PLAGUE!
AS EVEN THE STOUT-HEARTED EMERALD GLADIATOR FINALLY SUCCUMBS...
FLASH... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...?
BRACE YOURSELF, GREEN LANTERN! YOU--YOU'VE BEEN STRICKEN! LISTEN! YOU MUST GIVE ME YOUR RING! WITH IT I WILL TRY TO PREVENT THE PLAGUE FROM CARRYING YOU OFF! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE...
THE...PLAGUE!? SO THAT'S IT-- THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T MAKE MY RING WORK PROPERLY!... YOU'RE RIGHT, FLASH! I'LL GIVE-- BUT WAIT! MY BODY HAS NO ENERGY BUT MY MIND IS CLEAR... AND I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING...
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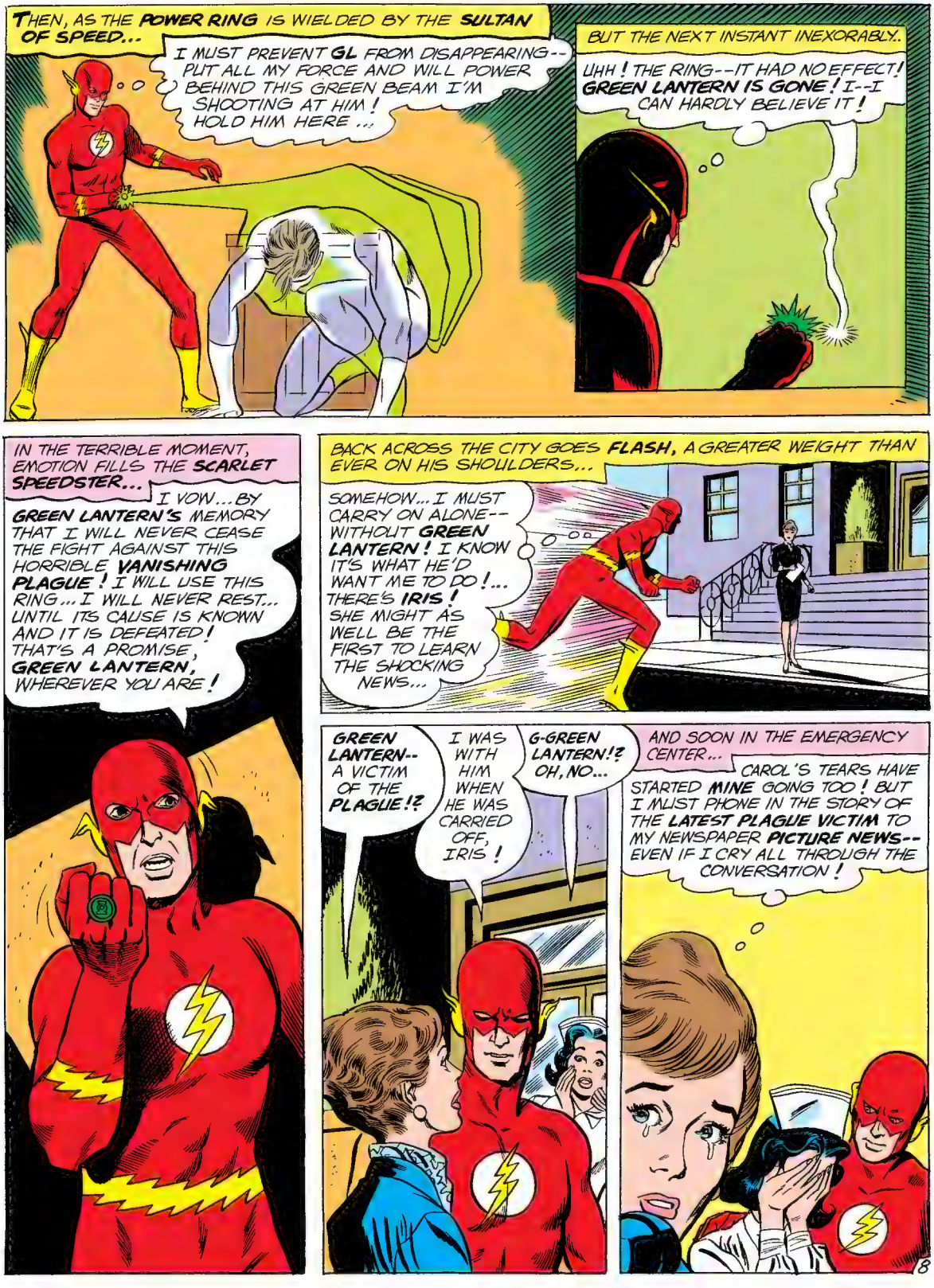
IT'S NOW ALMOST 24 HOURS SINCE I LAST CHARGED MY RING! THAT MEANS IT'S DUE TO RUN OUT OF POWER ANY MINUTE NOW!
OKAY-- THEN LET'S GET IT RE-CHARGED!
I--I CAN'T MAKE IT, FLASH! TOO WEAK TO COMMAND THE POWER RING TO MOVE ME...
I'LL TAKE YOU TO WHERE YOUR POWER BATTERY IS, GREEN LANTERN! YOU'LL JUST GIVE ME DIRECTIONS...
AT SUPER-SPEED A BLEND OF CRIMSON AND GREEN SPURTS THROUGH THE CITY..
HE'S SO LIGHT... LIKE A FEATHER! THE PLAGUE SEEMS TO BE WORKING FASTER IN HIM THAN IN ANY OF THE OTHERS! I'VE GOT TO GO LIKE BLAZES...!
SPLIT-INSTANTS AFTERWARD, IN HAL JORDAN'S HANGAR DRESSING ROOM...
I'VE BARELY ENOUGH WILL... TO MAKE POWER BATTERY VISIBLE! BUT... HAVEN'T STRENGTH... TO HOLD RING... TO IT...
I'LL HOLD IT FOR YOU, GL! YOU'LL JUST RECITE YOUR OATH...!
AND IN THE DIMLY-LIT CUBICLE A FANTASTIC AND TENSION-FILLED SCENE TAKES PLACE...
I'VE GOT ONLY A MOMENT TO RECHARGE GREEN LANTERN'S RING AND SAVE HIM FROM FADING AWAY...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY... IN BLACKEST NIGHT... NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT... LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT... BEWARE MY POWER... GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!


THEN, AS THE POWER RING IS WIELDED BY THE SULTAN OF SPEED...
I MUST PREVENT GL FROM DISAPPEARING-- PUT ALL MY FORCE AND WILL POWER BEHIND THIS GREEN BEAM I'M SHOOTING AT HIM! HOLD HIM HERE ...
BUT THE NEXT INSTANT INEXORABLY..
UHH! THE RING--IT HAD NO EFFECT! GREEN LANTERN IS GONE! I--I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
IN THE TERRIBLE MOMENT, EMOTION FILLS THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER...
I VOW... BY GREEN LANTERN'S MEMORY THAT I WILL NEVER CEASE THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS HORRIBLE VANISHING PLAGUE! I WILL USE THIS RING... I WILL NEVER REST... UNTIL ITS CAUSE IS KNOWN AND IT IS DEFEATED! THAT'S A PROMISE, GREEN LANTERN, WHEREVER YOU ARE!
BACK ACROSS THE CITY GOES FLASH, A GREATER WEIGHT THAN EVER ON HIS SHOULDERS...
SOMEHOW... I MUST CARRY ON ALONE-- WITHOUT GREEN LANTERN! I KNOW IT'S WHAT HE'D WANT ME TO DO!... THERE'S IRIS! SHE MIGHT AS WELL BE THE FIRST TO LEARN THE SHOCKING NEWS...
GREEN LANTERN-- A VICTIM OF THE PLAGUE!?
I WAS WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS CARRIED OFF, IRIS!
G-GREEN LANTERN!? OH, NO...
AND SOON IN THE EMERGENCY CENTER...
CAROL'S TEARS HAVE STARTED MINE GOING TOO! BUT I MUST PHONE IN THE STORY OF THE LATEST PLAGUE VICTIM TO MY NEWSPAPER PICTURE NEWS-- EVEN IF I CRY ALL THROUGH THE CONVERSATION!
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...AND, ONLY THIS MORNING, GREEN LANTERN MENTIONED TO ME THAT HE SUSPECTED SOME UNKNOWN MICRO-ORGANISM MIGHT BE THE CAUSE OF THE PLAGUE! I'VE DECIDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO WORK ALONG THAT LINE, CAROL ...
...AS HE WOULD HAVE DONE IF HE'D HAD THE CHANCE!
GOOD IDEA, FLASH! GO TO IT-- FOR GREEN LANTERN'S SAKE! DO YOUR BEST!
SHORTLY, IN A RESEARCH ROOM AT THE PLAGUE HEADQUARTERS, EQUIPPED WITH A POWERFUL ELECTRON MICROSCOPE...
FORTUNATELY, AS BARRY ALLEN MY TRAINING AS A POLICE SCIENTIST...
...TAUGHT ME HOW TO OPERATE AN ELECTRON MICROSCOPE!
AND AS FLASH MY SUPER-SPEED CAN REALLY MAKE USE OF THAT TRAINING NOW!
USING THIS TISSUE CULTURE PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY CENTER LAB, I'LL MAGNIFY IT AT MAXIMUM POWER -- 100,000 TIMES-- AND SEE IF I CAN'T LOCATE SOME TRACE OF A MYSTERIOUS ORGANISM IN IT!
BUT IN DUE COURSE...
NO USE! I'VE TRIED A DOZEN OF THESE TISSUE CULTURE SLIDES! THERE ISN'T A HINT OF ANY UNKNOWN--er--WAIT A MOMENT! WHY DIDN'T IT OCCUR TO ME BEFORE? I CAN USE GREEN LANTERN'S RING TO MAGNIFY THE IMAGE STILL FURTHER--!
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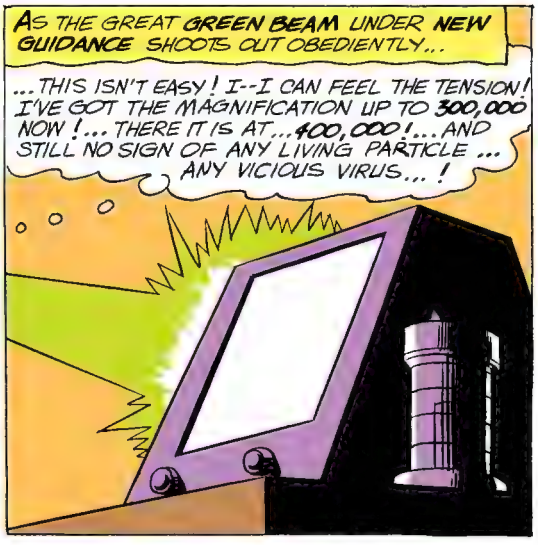
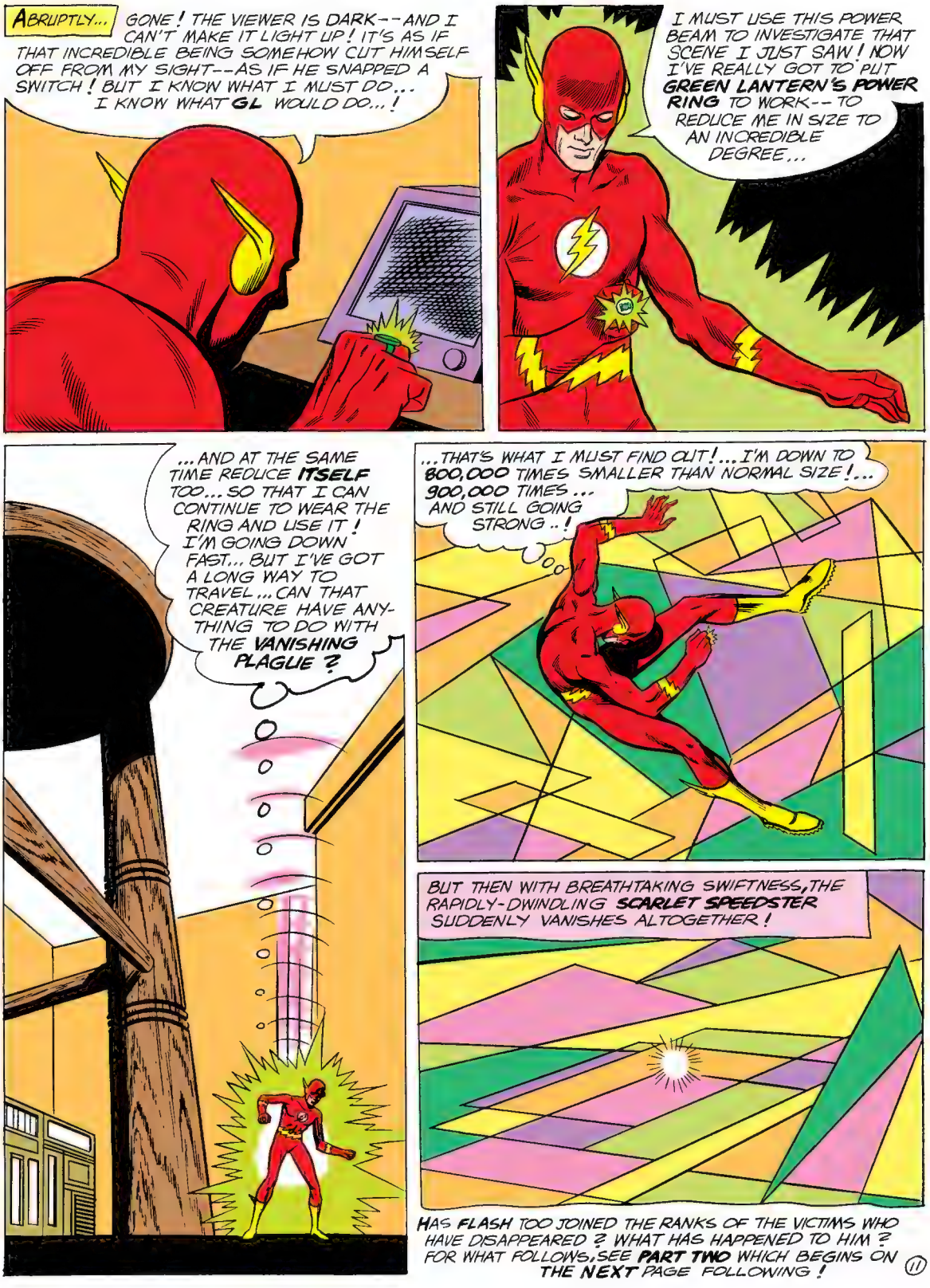
*EDITOR'S NOTE: ANYTHING--EXCEPT HAVE AN EFFECT ON A YELLOW-COLORED OBJECT! THE RING BY ITS NATURE IS POWERLESS TO DO THAT !




ABRUPTLY... GONE! THE VIEWER IS DARK--AND I CAN'T MAKE IT LIGHT UP! IT'S AS IF THAT INCREDIBLE BEING SOMEHOW CUT HIMSELF OFF FROM MY SIGHT--AS IF HE SNAPPED A SWITCH! BUT I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO... I KNOW WHAT GL WOULD DO...!
I MUST USE THIS POWER BEAM TO INVESTIGATE THAT SCENE I JUST SAW! NOW I'VE REALLY GOT TO PUT GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING TO WORK--TO REDUCE ME IN SIZE TO AN INCREDIBLE DEGREE...
...AND AT THE SAME TIME REDUCE ITSELF TOO... SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO WEAR THE RING AND USE IT! I'M GOING DOWN FAST... BUT I'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO TRAVEL... CAN THAT CREATURE HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE VANISHING PLAGUE?
...THAT'S WHAT I MUST FIND OUT!... I'M DOWN TO 800,000 TIMES SMALLER THAN NORMAL SIZE!... 900,000 TIMES... AND STILL GOING STRONG..!
BUT THEN WITH BREATHTAKING SWIFTNESS, THE RAPIDLY-DWINDLING SCARLET SPEEDSTER SUDDENLY VANISHES ALTOGETHER!
HAS FLASH TOO JOINED THE RANKS OF THE VICTIMS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM? FOR WHAT FOLLOWS, SEE PART TWO WHICH BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE FOLLOWING!
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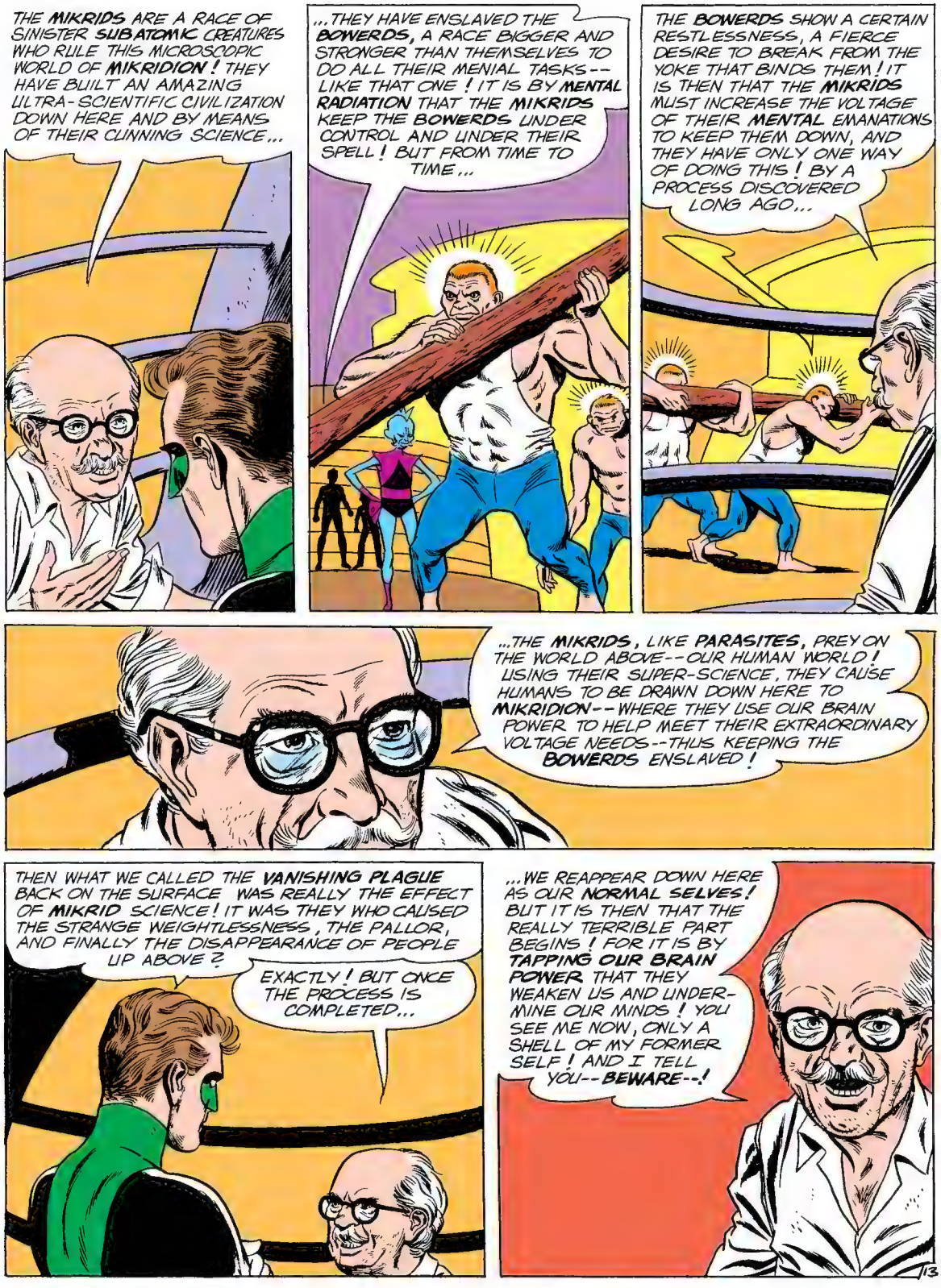
PARASITE PLANET PERIL! PART TWO

MEANWHILE, IN THE WORLD OF THE **MIKRIDS**, AS THE CREATURES ARE KNOWN IN THE SUBATOMIC WORLD WHICH THEY INHABIT FAR BELOW THE LEVEL OF HUMAN MEASUREMENT--IN THIS WORLD A GROUP OF EARTH-HUMANS IS IMPRISONED, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY-VANISHED **GREEN LANTERN**!


THE MIKRIDS ARE A RACE OF SINISTER SUBATOMIC CREATURES WHO RULE THIS MICROSCOPIC WORLD OF MIKRIDION! THEY HAVE BUILT AN AMAZING ULTRA-SCIENTIFIC CIVILIZATION DOWN HERE AND BY MEANS OF THEIR CUNNING SCIENCE...
...THEY HAVE ENSLAVED THE BOWERDS, A RACE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN THEMSELVES TO DO ALL THEIR MENIAL TASKS--LIKE THAT ONE! IT IS BY MENTAL RADIATION THAT THE MIKRIDS KEEP THE BOWERDS UNDER CONTROL AND UNDER THEIR SPELL! BUT FROM TIME TO TIME...
THE BOWERDS SHOW A CERTAIN RESTLESSNESS, A FIERCE DESIRE TO BREAK FROM THE YOKE THAT BINDS THEM! IT IS THEN THAT THE MIKRIDS MUST INCREASE THE VOLTAGE OF THEIR MENTAL EMANATIONS TO KEEP THEM DOWN, AND THEY HAVE ONLY ONE WAY OF DOING THIS! BY A PROCESS DISCOVERED LONG AGO...
...THE MIKRIDS, LIKE PARASITES, PREY ON THE WORLD ABOVE--OUR HUMAN WORLD! USING THEIR SUPER-SCIENCE, THEY CAUSE HUMANS TO BE DRAWN DOWN HERE TO MIKRIDION--WHERE THEY USE OUR BRAIN POWER TO HELP MEET THEIR EXTRAORDINARY VOLTAGE NEEDS--THUS KEEPING THE BOWERDS ENSLAVED!
THEN WHAT WE CALLED THE VANISHING PLAGUE BACK ON THE SURFACE WAS REALLY THE EFFECT OF MIKRID SCIENCE! IT WAS THEY WHO CAUSED THE STRANGE WEIGHTLESSNESS, THE PALLOR, AND FINALLY THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PEOPLE UP ABOVE?
EXACTLY! BUT ONCE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETED...
...WE REAPPEAR DOWN HERE AS OUR NORMAL SELVES! BUT IT IS THEN THAT THE REALLY TERRIBLE PART BEGINS! FOR IT IS BY TAPPING OUR BRAIN POWER THAT THEY WEAKEN US AND UNDERMINE OUR MINDS! YOU SEE ME NOW, ONLY A SHELL OF MY FORMER SELF! AND I TELL YOU--BEWARE--!
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THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU, GREEN LANTERN-- IF YOU ALLOW THEM TO TAKE YOU OUT OF HERE EACH DAY! BUT I DO NOT KNOW HOW YOU CAN PREVENT IT--!
LOOKS LIKE MY TURN NOW!
COME!
I'LL SHOW MY PEOPLE HOW TO PREVENT THEIR TAKING ME OUT! I'M NOT GOING TO KNUCKLE UNDER TO THESE MICROSCOPIC ZOMBIES-- EVEN IF I AM WITHOUT MY POWER RING!
THEN, AS THE GREEN GLADIATOR SWINGS INTO ACTION...
BY JIMINY! GREEN LANTERN CANNOT WIN-- BUT HOW INSPIRING IT IS TO SEE HIM BATTLE LIKE THAT!
...SEND MORE ESCORTS! HUMAN PRISONER 1274...KNOWN AS GREEN LANTERN... OFFERING STUBBORN RESISTANCE...!
FOR EVERY ONE OF THESE MIKRIDS I KNOCK DOWN THREE MORE APPEAR! IT SEEMS USELESS, YET I CAN'T HELP FIGHTING ON--HOPING AGAINST HOPE FOR SOME BREAK-- eh?
THAT'S THE WAY, GREEN LANTERN! GIVE IT TO THEM-- I'M WITH YOU!!
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FLASH!?
YOUR POWER BEAM BROUGHT ME DOWN HERE RIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU--AS I COMMANDED IT, GREEN LANTERN!
AND I CAN SEE IT DIDN'T GET ME HERE A MOMENT TOO SOON!
YOU ARE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES, FLASH!
AS THE TWO CRUSADERS MAKE CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER...
HERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BROUGHT FOR YOU, GL!
MY RING! THANKS A MILLION, FLASH! NOW THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT AROUND HERE--!
I'LL GET THESE EARTH-PEOPLE OUT OF THE WAY--SO THAT GREEN LANTERN CAN USE HIS BEAM AGAINST OUR ENEMIES--WITHOUT FEAR OF HURTING OUR OWN PEOPLE!
AND THEN AS THE GREAT POWER BEAM FLARES OUT IMPERIOUSLY...
MY RING HAS MAGNETIZED THE MIKRIDS--SO THAT THEY'RE ATTRACTED TO ANY PIECE OF METAL IN THE ROOM--WITH IRRESISTIBLE FORCE!
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IN SPLIT-SECONDS AS THE FULL EFFECTS OF THE EMERALD WARRIOR'S BEAM IS FELT BY HIS FOES...
A NEAT TRICK, GL! THEY CAN'T MOVE--!
THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF OUR MISSION DOWN HERE, FLASH! COME ALONG--AND ON THE WAY I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU AS MUCH AS I KNOW MYSELF ABOUT THIS SUBATOMIC WORLD!
SOON... ON THEIR WAY...
THEN THAT'S IT? THE VANISHING PLAGUE BACK ON THE SURFACE WAS REALLY CAUSED BY THESE MIKRIDS!
YES! AND WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT THEM FROM EVER DOING ANYTHING LIKE IT AGAIN--!
THIS IS THE ROOM WHERE THE TAPPING OF BRAIN POWER TAKES PLACE!
THAT MAN--IT'S HENRY FAIRFAX, THE ENGINEER, ONE OF THE FIRST VICTIMS WHO DIS-APPEARED...
AS FLASH AT SUPER-SPEED FREES THE ENGINEER...
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, FAIRFAX! DON'T LOSE HEART, MAN!
WE CAN DESTROY THIS SET-UP LATER, FLASH! RIGHT NOW...
...WE'VE GOT TO LOCATE THE MIKRID HIGHER-UPS... THE BIGWIGS HERE... AND DEAL WITH THEM!
WE'LL BE BACK SOON, FAIRFAX! JUST SIT TIGHT, MEANWHILE..!
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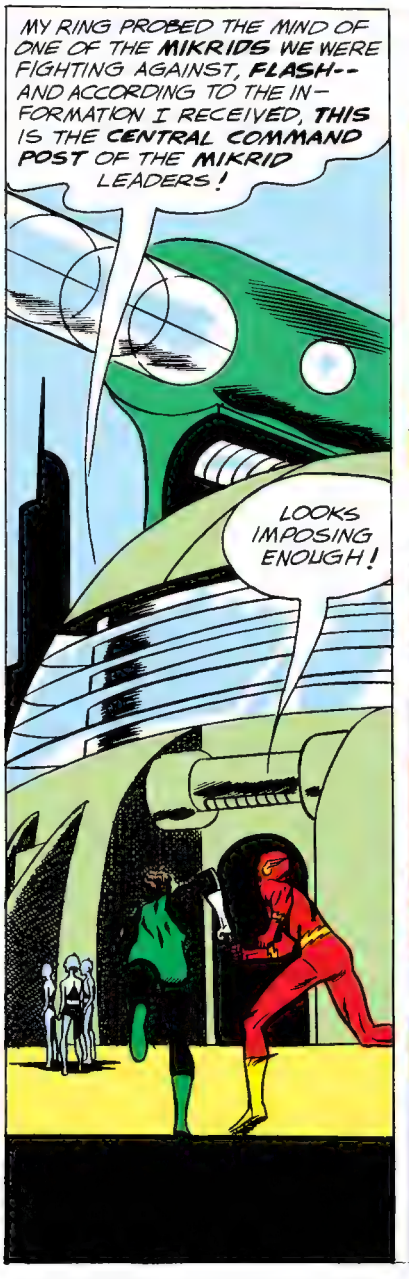
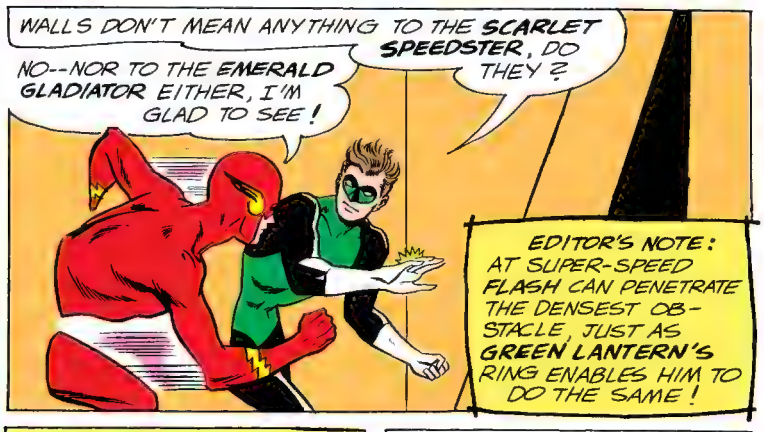
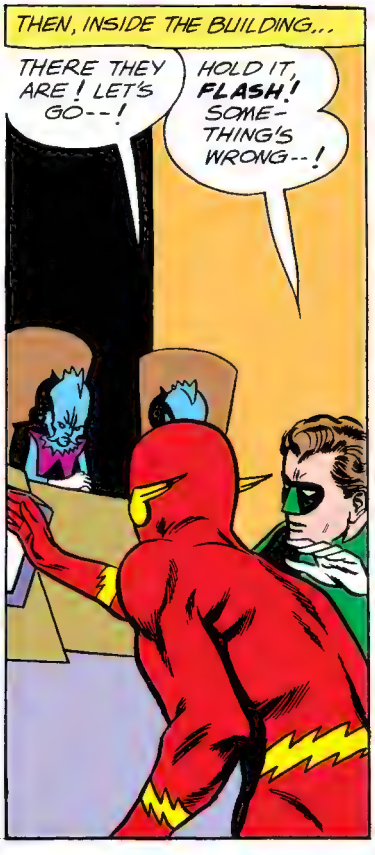
ON THE WAY TO THE MIKRID HEAD-QUARTERS...
THAT OTHER RACE HERE IS THE BOWERDS--HELD UNDER THE SPELL OF THE VICIOUS MIKRIDS! THEY DO ALL THE HEAVY LABOR FOR THEIR MASTERS!
SLAVERY? WE'LL HAVE TO FREE THEM TOO, GL!


MY RING PROBED THE MIND OF ONE OF THE MIKRIDS WE WERE FIGHTING AGAINST, FLASH--AND ACCORDING TO THE IN-FORMATION I RECEIVED, THIS IS THE CENTRAL COMMAND POST OF THE MIKRID LEADERS!
LOOKS IMPOSING ENOUGH!


WALLS DON'T MEAN ANYTHING TO THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER, DO THEY?
NO--NOR TO THE EMERALD GLADIATOR EITHER, I'M GLAD TO SEE!
EDITOR'S NOTE: AT SUPER-SPEED FLASH CAN PENETRATE THE DENSEST OB-STACLE, JUST AS GREEN LANTERN'S RING ENABLES HIM TO DO THE SAME!


THEN, INSIDE THE BUILDING...
THERE THEY ARE! LET'S GO--!
HOLD IT, FLASH! SOME-THING'S WRONG--!

THE WAY THEY'RE LOOKING US OVER--SO SURE OF THEM-SELVES--AS IF THEY HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM US...
APPROACH! OUR SUPER-BRAIN-POWER HAS ENABLED US TO READ THE MINDS OF YOU TWO HUMANS!
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WE KNEW THAT YOU WOULD APPEAR HERE--AND TOOK CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS AGAINST YOU! LOOK IN THIS SCREEN!
GREAT GUARDIANS!
GREAT MERCURY!
CAROL--
--AND IRIS!?
YES, THEY HAVE BEEN DRAWN DOWN HERE TO MIKRIDION! DELIBERATELY, FOR A SPECIFIC REASON!
IF YOU, GREEN LANTERN, USE YOUR POWER BEAM--OR IF YOU, FLASH, USE YOUR SUPER-SPEED--HERE IN MIKRIDION--IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY SET OFF THIS DEVASTATOR AND BY A BURST OF RADIATION UTTERLY DESTROY THE TWO FEMALES YOU JUST SAW!
WELL, ANY TAKERS? DOES ONE OF YOU DARE TEST THE TRUTH OF WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID?
N-NO!
WE DON'T DARE CHANCE IT!
THEY'VE STYMIED US, GREEN LANTERN! WITHOUT THE USE OF OUR SUPER-POWERS AGAINST THESE SUPER-BEINGS WE'RE HELPLESS...
LOOKS THAT WAY, FLASH! YET--I CAN'T GIVE UP HOPE!
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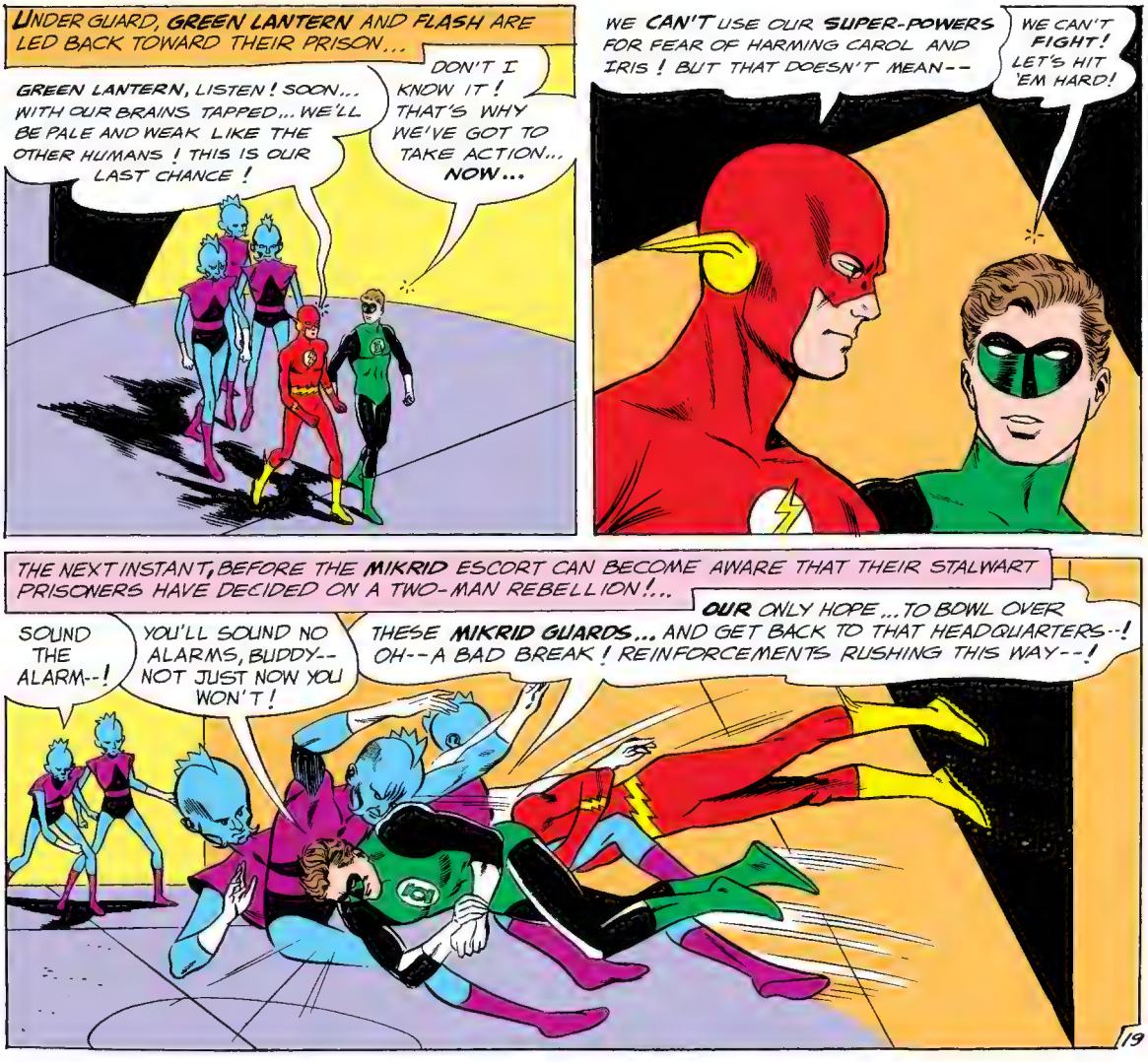
UNDER GUARD, GREEN LANTERN AND FLASH ARE LED BACK TOWARD THEIR PRISON...
GREEN LANTERN, LISTEN! SOON... WITH OUR BRAINS TAPPED... WE'LL BE PALE AND WEAK LIKE THE OTHER HUMANS! THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE!
DON'T I KNOW IT! THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO TAKE ACTION... NOW...
WE CAN'T USE OUR SUPER-POWERS FOR FEAR OF HARMING CAROL AND IRIS! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN--
WE CAN'T FIGHT! LET'S HIT 'EM HARD!
THE NEXT INSTANT, BEFORE THE MIKRID ESCORT CAN BECOME AWARE THAT THEIR STALWART PRISONERS HAVE DECIDED ON A TWO-MAN REBELLION!...
SOUND THE ALARM--!
YOU'LL SOUND NO ALARMS, BUDDY-- NOT JUST NOW YOU WON'T!
THESE MIKRID GUARDS... AND GET BACK TO THAT HEADQUARTERS--! OH--A BAD BREAK! REINFORCEMENTS RUSHING THIS WAY--!
OUR ONLY HOPE ...TO BOWL OVER
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PARASITE PLANET PERIL! PART THREE

THOUGH DEPRIVED OF THE USE OF THEIR SUPER-POWERS, THE GRIMLY DETERMINED **GREEN LANTERN** AND **FLASH** LASH OUT WITH FLAILING FISTS AND POWERHOUSE PUNCHES AT THEIR **MIKRID** FOES...

MEANWHILE, IN THE MIKRID COMMAND POST...
THE TWO SURFACE CREATURES, FLASH AND GREEN LANTERN, MUST UNDERGO BRAIN-TAPPING AT ONCE! THEY CAN BE A THREAT!
LEADER! THE PAIR YOU SPEAK OF--REBELLING--A REPORT COMING IN NOW!
ULP! AND THERE THEY ARE!
HEAD FOR THAT DEVASTATOR, FLASH! I'LL TRY TO COVER YOU!
RIGHT!
WITH PERFECT TEAM-WORK, THE STEEL-THEWED DUO MOVES INTO HIGH GEAR...
TRYING TO POTSHOT FLASH! NO YOU DON'T!
EVEN WITHOUT SUPER-SPEED I CAN STILL COVER PLENTY OF GROUND--!
WITH A TERRIFIC BURST OF VIGOR, FLASH RIPS THE DEVASTATOR LOOSE FROM ITS MOORINGS...
THERE! THAT TAKES CARE OF THE DEVASTATOR!
GREAT GOING, FLASH! NOW THAT CONTRAPTION CAN'T HARM CAROL AND IRIS--OR ANYONE ELSE! FROM NOW ON WE CAN USE OUR SUPER-POWERS!
WITH ONE ACCORD THE TWO GRIM GLADIATORS TURN ON THEIR FOE...
IT'S NOW...OR NEVER FOR US, GREEN LANTERN!
POUR IT ON, FLASH! WE'VE GOT TO GIVE IT ALL WE'VE GOT!
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AS THE GREAT POWERS OF THE DAUNTLESS DUO ARE PUT TO THE SUPREME TEST...
THAT MIKRID SHOOTING HIS ENERGY-PISTOL AT GL! AT SUPER-SPEED I CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE RADIATION POURING OUT!
WITH UN-BELIEVABLE SPEED, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE ACTS...
RADIATION TRAVELS WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT! TO SAVE GREEN LANTERN NOW, I'VE GOT TO TRAVEL EVEN FASTER!
ZLZT!
FLASH--! WHAT--?
ZZZZZT!
KEEP DOWN, GL--
AND A MOMENT LATER, THE EMERALD GLADIATOR HAS A CHANCE TO RETURN THE FAVOR...
IN GRABBING ME, FLASH SLOWED DOWN--AND THAT MIKRID SEIZED A CHANCE TO POUR A DEADLY RADIATION AT HIM! BUT MY RING IS INTERCEPTING IT--!
THANKS, GL! YOU GAVE ME THE INSTANT I NEEDED TO RECOVER!
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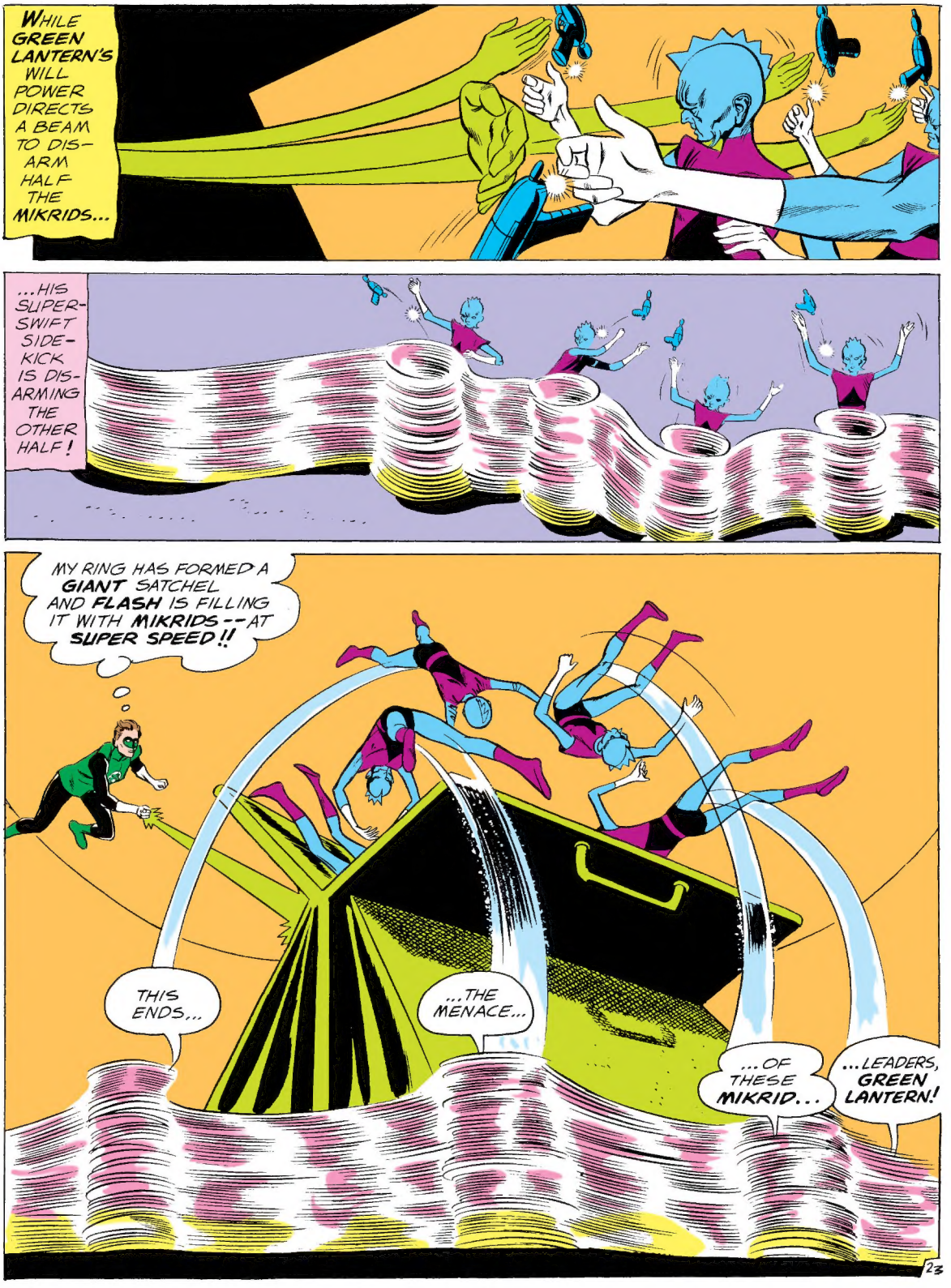
WHILE GREEN LANTERN'S WILL POWER DIRECTS A BEAM TO DIS-ARM HALF THE MIKRIDS...
...HIS SUPER-SWIFT SIDE-KICK IS DIS-ARMING THE OTHER HALF!
MY RING HAS FORMED A GIANT SATCHEL AND FLASH IS FILLING IT WITH MIKRIDS--AT SUPER SPEED!!
THIS ENDS...
...THE MENACE...
...OF THESE MIKRID...
...LEADERS, GREEN LANTERN!
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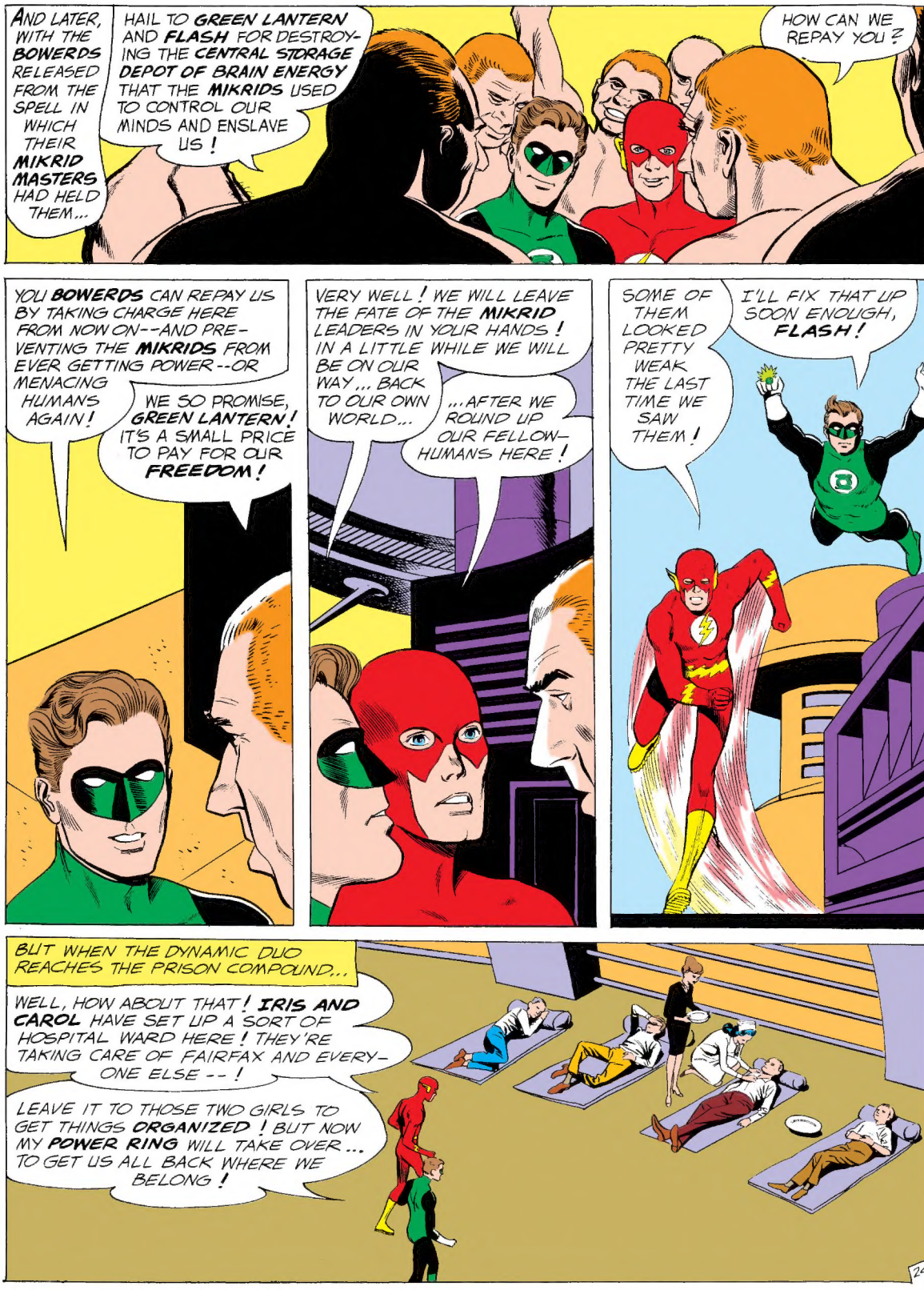
AND LATER, WITH THE BOWERDS RELEASED FROM THE SPELL IN WHICH THEIR MIKRID MASTERS HAD HELD THEM...
HAIL TO GREEN LANTERN AND FLASH FOR DESTROYING THE CENTRAL STORAGE DEPOT OF BRAIN ENERGY THAT THE MIKRIDS USED TO CONTROL OUR MINDS AND ENSLAVE US!
HOW CAN WE REPAY YOU?
YOU BOWERDS CAN REPAY US BY TAKING CHARGE HERE FROM NOW ON--AND PREVENTING THE MIKRIDS FROM EVER GETTING POWER--OR MENACING HUMANS AGAIN!
WE SO PROMISE, GREEN LANTERN! IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR OUR FREEDOM!
VERY WELL! WE WILL LEAVE THE FATE OF THE MIKRID LEADERS IN YOUR HANDS! IN A LITTLE WHILE WE WILL BE ON OUR WAY... BACK TO OUR OWN WORLD...
...AFTER WE ROUND UP OUR FELLOW-HUMANS HERE!
SOME OF THEM LOOKED PRETTY WEAK THE LAST TIME WE SAW THEM!
I'LL FIX THAT UP SOON ENOUGH, FLASH!
BUT WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO REACHES THE PRISON COMPOUND...
WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT! IRIS AND CAROL HAVE SET UP A SORT OF HOSPITAL WARD HERE! THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF FAIRFAX AND EVERYONE ELSE --!
LEAVE IT TO THOSE TWO GIRLS TO GET THINGS ORGANIZED! BUT NOW MY POWER RING WILL TAKE OVER... TO GET US ALL BACK WHERE WE BELONG!
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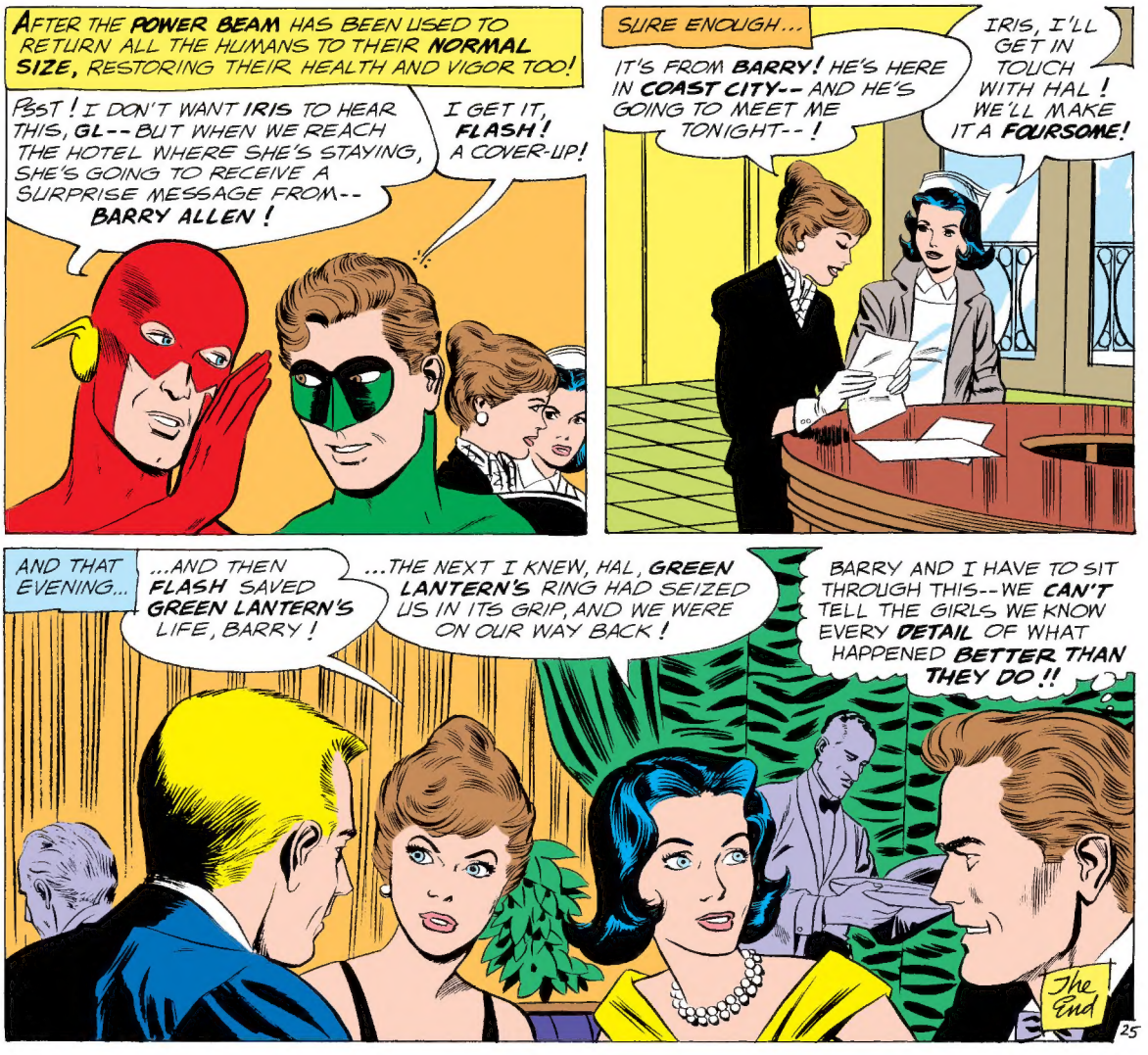
AFTER THE POWER BEAM HAS BEEN USED TO RETURN ALL THE HUMANS TO THEIR NORMAL SIZE, RESTORING THEIR HEALTH AND VIGOR TOO!
PSST! I DON'T WANT IRIS TO HEAR THIS, GL--BUT WHEN WE REACH THE HOTEL WHERE SHE'S STAYING, SHE'S GOING TO RECEIVE A SURPRISE MESSAGE FROM-- BARRY ALLEN!
I GET IT, FLASH! A COVER-UP!
SURE ENOUGH...
IT'S FROM BARRY! HE'S HERE IN COAST CITY-- AND HE'S GOING TO MEET ME TONIGHT--!
IRIS, I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH HAL! WE'LL MAKE IT A FOURSOME!
AND THAT EVENING...
...AND THEN FLASH SAVED GREEN LANTERN'S LIFE, BARRY!
...THE NEXT I KNEW, HAL, GREEN LANTERN'S RING HAD SEIZED US IN ITS GRIP, AND WE WERE ON OUR WAY BACK!
BARRY AND I HAVE TO SIT THROUGH THIS--WE CAN'T TELL THE GIRLS WE KNOW EVERY DETAIL OF WHAT HAPPENED BETTER THAN THEY DO!!
The End
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